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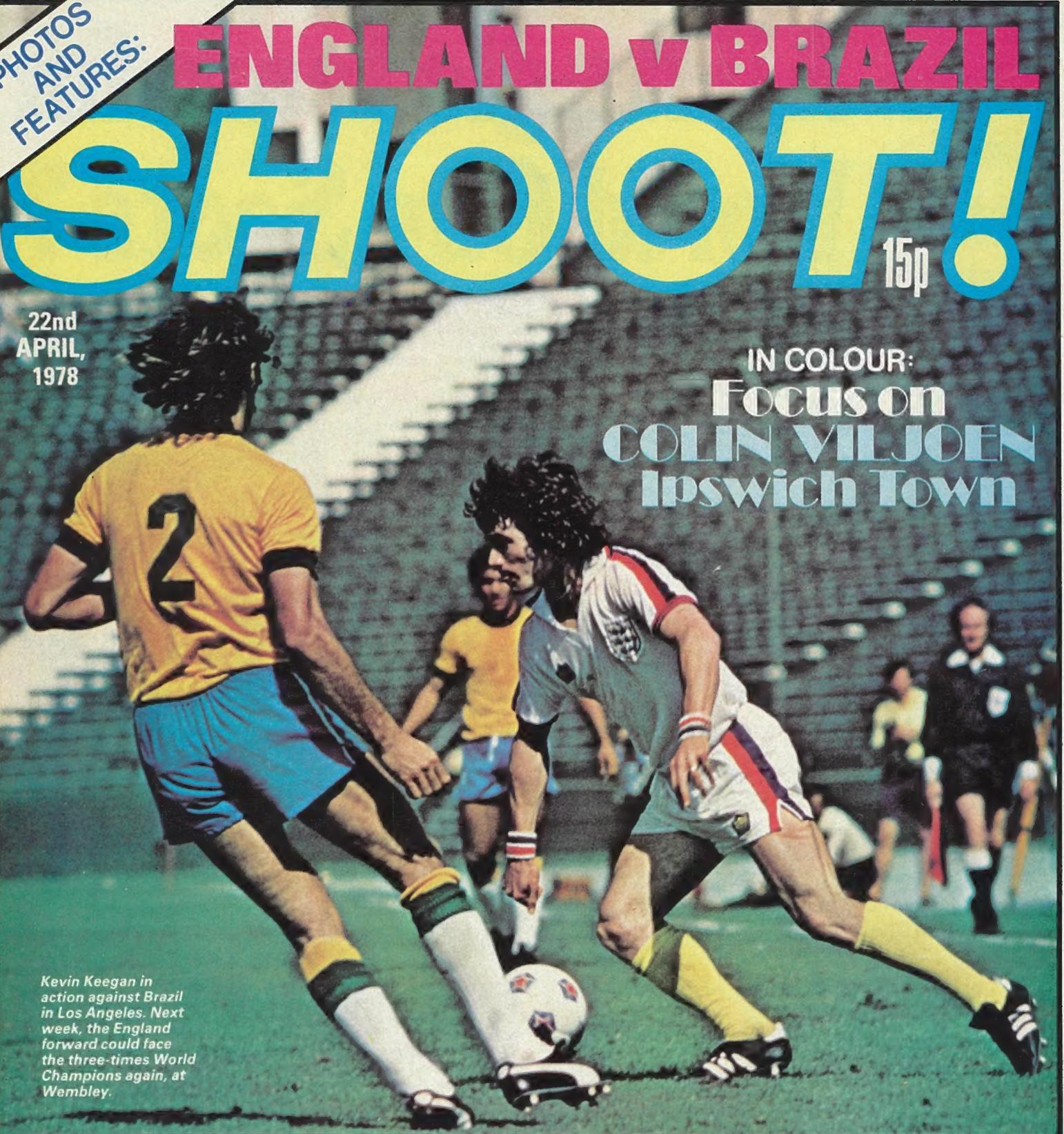
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Focus on
COLIN VILJOEN
Ipswich Town

*Kevin Keegan in
action against Brazil
in Los Angeles. Next
week, the England
forward could face
the three-times World
Champions again, at
Wembley.*



**Four Scotland
players
LOOKING FORWARD
TO ARGENTINA**



Asa Hartford



Willie Donachie



Neil McNab



Graeme Souness

MARTIN ROBINSON, Charlton's new striker from Spurs, is out to prove a lot of clubs wrong.

Listed by Spurs for £20,000 last summer, Robinson brought a lot of inquiries but no club appeared to think he was worth that price.

Charlton got him for a give-away £15,000 earlier this year and the Essex boy, who is an all-round sportsman and noted for his aggressive play on the soccer pitch, is out to jolt quite a few people in the game.

AMBITIOUS DONS

WHATEVER their position in the Fourth Division, you have to admire the ambition of Wimbleton.

Chairman Ron Noades has pleaded with the club's fans to be patient, pointing out this is after all the first season of League football at Plough Lane, and as such the whole scene is still very new to the club.

Away from his footballing interests, Noades is a property developer, and has a keen eye on the commercial side of things. He says: "We are a progressive club but we must have a sound footing. We must make sure we don't have a financial struggle each year.

"We are aiming to develop off the pitch schemes which will provide the regular income we need.

"At present we have planning applications in for a skateboard park and a sports hall at the ground, and I am also keen on the idea of a health club. In addition we hope to be opening our night club very shortly.

"Next season we aim to have a full-time professional playing staff of 17, so we are on the look-out for about five new players."

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All-Anglo team for World Cup Scots?

SCOTLAND could create soccer history in the World Cup Finals by fielding a team in which not one player is from the country's national League.

As Danny McGrain has been forced to drop out of the squad, it is possible Ally MacLeod's team will consist of players solely from the English League.

Alan Rough is still the first choice goalkeeper, but the Scottish 'keeper bang in form is Coventry's Jim Blyth. It'll be a photo finish between these two for Argentina.

Sandy Jardine (Rangers) or Stewart Kennedy (Aberdeen) are the leading contenders for the number two shirt. Don't rule out Leeds' Frankie Gray, who could emerge as a surprise choice.

Gordon McQueen (right) is a "must" as stopper, but the sweeper's job is a toss-up between Martin Buchan and Rangers' Tom Forsyth. McQueen and Buchan are now team-mates at Manchester

United and this could sway MacLeod's opinion.

Left-back should be Willie Donachie although he will miss the first game owing to suspension — few problems there.

Scotland's midfield has been Bruce Rioch, Don Masson and Asa Hartford. Now, they are strongly challenged by Graeme Souness, Lou Macari and Archie Gemmill. Scotland's "reserve" midfield is better than most country's first-choice — again, all six players are Anglos.

Up-front Kenny Dalglish is a "cert", while Andy Gray and Joe Jordan fight it out for the central striker's role.

Wingers? Scotland have three — all Anglos ... Willie Johnston, John Robertson and Arthur Graham.

Maybe it's unlikely, but nevertheless it's still possible: a Scotland team with NO home-based players.

WALSALL striker Alan Buckley put himself in the news last month when he signed a nine year contract with the Fellows Park club. Yet Buckley — brother of Derby full-back Steve — recently achieved another feat.

He reached the 20-goal mark for the fifth successive season — tremendous going in an era when scoring is the most difficult part of the game.

Other players who can claim this distinction are few — and very distinguished. They are Jimmy Greaves, Denis Law and Arthur Rowley.



LIFE-SAVER

BIRMINGHAM CITY goalkeeper Jim Montgomery has no doubt about what ranks as the greatest save of his life — his daughter's, by a team of Birmingham surgeons.

Four-year-old Joanne was dangerously ill at the beginning of March with a serious bone and muscular disease.

Thankfully, she is making the steady progress which allows her father to concentrate on helping Birmingham City climb the First Division table.

CLIVE Baker, the 19-year-old Norwich City 'keeper, can also point to some academic qualifications. The West Runton (Norfolk) born youngster has three "A" levels and eight "O"s.

And he's a pretty dab hand at cricket, too. He captained the England Under-15 team.

WITH George Lyall having to quit football, there is now almost a triple dead-heat for the most Northerly born player in the game. The three are Jimmy Allan (Swindon), John Buchanan (Cardiff) and Roddie McDonald (Celtic). Allan wins by a short mile or two. But watch out for Ross Jack (Everton) and Dave Shearer; who was signed by Middlesbrough from Inverness Clachnacuddin at the end of February for £5,000.

Lyall is from Wick, near John O'Groats. The other five are all from a tight little area in Ross-shire.

"HAPPY" Harry Haslam, new manager of Sheffield United, needed all his humour to lighten his disappointment at his team's results and mounting referees' bookings during his first month in control. But there was one obvious ray of light for him — the signing of Irish striker Mike Guy, for £15,000 from Coleraine.

Although at 24 Guy may have seemed to have come into League football a bit late Haslam had no qualms: "He has pace ... he takes people on and is ready to have a go. He will certainly put pressure on the other front-runners."

GREAT GOALIES

GOALKEEPERS are certainly in brilliant form in the Republic of Ireland this season.

Alex Ludzic of Cork Alberts and Alan Patterson of Sligo Rovers have both won Player of the Month awards ... and Ludzic scored direct from a clearance earlier in the term.

Tom Lally, the Galway Rovers 'keeper is his club's spot-kick expert. And two of Home Farm's goalies have scored from penalties ... Sean Algar before his injury and his stand-in Charlie Nelligan.

In fact, Charlie's spot-kicks are in the Peter Lorimer class. His goal-kicks have also been measured and they average 80 yards!

COLIN Harper's no-nonsense approach to his new job as manager of League of Ireland club Waterford has led the former Champions out of

NO-NONSENSE HARPER

the doldrums and into the F.A.I. Cup Semi-Finals. The former Ipswich player led the club to Cup wins over Bohemians and Home Farm.

HARTLEPOOL manager Billy Horner is certain £60,000 Malcolm Poskett will do well at Brighton. The former Middlesbrough wing-half rates Poskett a natural scorer. "If anyone threw a ball into a penalty-area with 100 players I would wager the ball would land at his feet."



NEWS DESK

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DEBUT v. CRUYFF

DAVID Evans (right) will never forget his debut for Aston Villa because it was against Barcelona in the U.E.F.A. Cup. And the player he found himself marking for long spells of the game was none other than Johan Cruyff.

Evans, who comes from nearby West Bromwich, has been with Villa for the past six years.

Two years ago he suffered a bad shoulder injury which kept him out of action and more recently he has faced the prospect of being John Gidman's deputy.

Commenting upon his game against Barcelona, Evans said: "I was pleased with my performance, and now I want to play some more games in the first team."



YET another Ulster starlet has joined a Football League club. He is Northern Ireland schools' captain Simon Fullerton, a promising midfielder, who has been snapped up by Queens Park Rangers.

Congratulations to Mansfield's Gordon Hodgson and Colin Foster who both chalked up 200 appearances for the club at Burnley on 14th March. Unfortunately for them and The Stags, Burnley won 2-0.

AGONY AND ECSTASY!

NEW Glentoran central-defender Sammy Cranston, signed recently from struggling Bangor, had mixed fortunes in his baptism for the Oval outfit, an away League encounter v. Portadown.

Big Sammy fouled Ports' striker Gary Blackledge to concede a 20th minute penalty — which the latter missed! — and then, only a few minutes later, shot Glens' first goal in a convincing 4-1 victory.

Affection for Albion

THEY'RE a clannish lot at West Bromwich Albion — even when they move to other clubs. Former Albion defender Gordon Nisbet, now with Hull, backed his old club to win the F.A. Cup... once his own team were out. Be sure that Asa Hartford did the same. A player might leave the Albion, but his affection for the club remains.

FORMER Chelsea and Republic of Ireland centre-back John Dempsey, 31, has signed for American League club, Philadelphia Fury. Dempsey, who won 18 caps for Ireland although London-born, joined the Fury squad as they gathered in Dublin for a pre-season warm-up.

John teams up with another ex-Chelsea star Peter Osgood and with three recruits from Irish club Bohemians — Pat and Eddie Byrne and Fran O'Brien. The U.S. season opened on April 1.

ENGLAND'S TOP STRIKERS

JOE ROYLE (left), the striker who has found a new lease of life since joining Bristol City from Manchester City, picks out Paul Mariner of Ipswich and Bob Latchford of Everton as England's two top strikers.

Former England number nine Royle, who at 28 still has ambitions to win back an England shirt, admits: "These two must rank as the best at the moment. Mariner is a better all round player than Latchford, but Bob just wants to score goals and nobody is better at it than he is. He simply gets on the end of the ball and puts it in the net."

As a goalscorer pure and simple he rates him ahead of Arsenal's Malcolm Macdonald, but Royle also rates Stuart Pearson (right) of Manchester United highly.

Says Royle: "It was great playing with Pearson for England because I thought we made a great pair. Pearson had the sharpness and I had the strength, and I thought this could have built up into an extremely successful partnership."



Goalscoring full-back

DAVID Peach, Southampton's fair-haired defensive dynamo, surely must rank as one of the most prolific goalscoring full-backs ever.

Since making his League debut with Gillingham in 1969, moving to Saints in January, 1974, he has topped half-a-century of goals.

He reached a total of 55 on February 4th this year in roughly 350 League and Cup games. More than half that total have come from the penalty-spot — eight last season and seven (up to March 27th).

*Peach (number three) scores from the penalty-spot v. Mansfield at The Dell.

'Don't worry about opponents'

ONE of the most controversial features of Don Revie's reign as England manager, was his use of dossiers.

Every opposing team was analysed down to what colour shoes players wore, what they had for breakfast and what they did in their spare time!

This tactic drew widespread criticism from other managers and coaches who felt Revie was pumping too much information into his own players' minds, and creating doubts about their ability to deal with superhumans who appeared to have enormous virtues.

One of the game's newest managers who

Early call

EIGHTEEN-year-old Trevor Wallbridge had the shock of his life when Bournemouth plunged him into their League side at Halifax recently... because he had not expected to play for them until NEXT season.

Bournemouth cannot afford a reserve team, but improving finances mean they will be able to start a second string again for the start of the new campaign.

Wallbridge, an engineering apprentice from Southampton, was signed by Bournemouth ready for when a reserve side is re-introduced and were content to let him play for a Hampshire League team.

But an injury crisis forced Bournemouth to call him for his debut six months ahead of schedule.

Bournemouth manager John Benson said: "He was stunned when I told him he would be playing. You could literally see his knees knocking together before he went out."

"Considering he has never played anything higher than county level, he quickly came to terms with League football and did really well."

Great Grounding

STEVE LOVELL, the 17-year-old Crystal Palace forward, could not have wished for a better grounding in the game.

His father, Alan, was a professional with Stockport and Swansea for ten years — and he still plays for fun.

And dad isn't the only other sporting type in the family, either. Mum Brenda plays squash and tennis, and so does sister Julie.

ANGLO/ITALIAN 1978

THE Final of the Anglo/Italian Inter-League semi-professional tournament will take place on the home ground of the Italian Finalist club on Wednesday, 28th June, 1978.

Those English non-League clubs taking part are Bangor City, Bath City, Maidstone, Minehead, Nuneaton and Widnes.

This will be the third year of the competition. Winners of the first were Monza who defeated Wimbledon in the 1976 Final and last year Lecco beat Bath City 3-0 to take the magnificent trophy sponsored by Alitalia, the Italian national airline, Trust Houses Forte, the worldwide hotel chain and Superga, the leading Italian sports goods manufacturers.

believes dossiers are a bad thing is Bradford City's John Napier.

The former Bolton, Brighton and Northern Ireland centre-half who took over from Bobby Kennedy at Valley Parade recently, believes too many clubs pay unnecessary respect to the opposition.

"When you are in a position like us, fighting to avoid relegation, you must pay attention to the faults of your own team — not the strength of others," he says.

"If we play to the best of our ability we will beat most teams in the Third Division," he added.

As if to prove the point for him, City ended a seven-match losing run by beating Rotherham 3-0 and Division leaders Gillingham 2-1.

SCOTLAND manager Ally MacLeod reckons he has found the bargain of the season in Coventry striker Ian Wallace. Explains Ally: "When I was manager at Ayr I tried to sign Wallace from Dumbarton. They wanted £15,000. That was too much."

"I tried again when I was manager at Aberdeen. His price had gone up to £60,000. I couldn't afford that. Now, as Scotland manager, I have got him for NOTHING!"

SCANLON FOR ABERDEEN

IAN SCANLON, the former Notts County left-winger, who announced he was quitting soccer this season after apparently inheriting a fortune, has signed for Aberdeen.

After admitting the hoax, Scanlon crept back into the shadows, but Pittodrie manager Billy McNeill, looking for a replacement for Arthur Graham, kept an eye on the situation and paid out £35,000 for the player.

"I believe he will become a real personality," says McNeill. "He can do a good job for this club."

A week later McNeill paid Hereford £10,000 for left-back Steve Ritchie. McNeill's other signing this season was Steve Archibald from Clyde at a modest £20,000. They could prove to be a trio of very shrewd buys for McNeill, who has obviously learned a thing or two from his former Celtic boss Jock Stein in dealings in the transfer market.

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Timothy Keay of Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

A SCOT WORRIED ABOUT ENGLAND

I AM AN ardent Scotland supporter and football has always been the main interest in my life. Like any other Scot, I'm very patriotic.

My worries and annoyance do not concern Scottish football, but English soccer.

I think the way it's been criticised and crucified over the past few years is disgraceful. How can anyone — Press, supporter or F.A. employee — slam the "greatest footballing country in the world"?

It's about time they realised in England how lucky they are to have such a marvellous League with so many top teams and English players in it.

Most other countries would be proud of such a set-up (especially Scotland) and I believe if the constant criticism of English soccer continues the flow of top-class English stars to America and Europe will increase. This, of course, will deprive England of the sort of players the critics have been crying out for!

The criticism has been directed mainly at the national team. English club sides have impressive records in the three European competitions. Much of the criticism of England under Don Revie was justified, but now, under Ron Greenwood, things seem to be progressing in the right direction.

Anyone criticising English soccer should be swiftly reminded of the high proportion of players from the three other Home countries — Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland — and, of course, the Republic of Ireland.

FOLLOW CLOUGH

MANY people are trying to find a successful way of cutting down — or even eliminating — swearing at matches. Perhaps they should follow the example of Brian Clough, who appealed to Forest fans to curb their language.

I'm sure Forest fans would be

'No' To Argentina?

HERE in Holland many people think our national team should not take part in the World Cup Finals in Argentina because there are hardly any human rights out there. How do people in the U.K. think about the situation?

G. NIJSSEN,
DRIEBERGEN.

● That the World Cup is a footballing event, not a political one. Few countries are, alas, free of troubles of some sort but, topmost security is likely to be in operation in Argentina.

Kevin's Challenge

JUST recently the so-called superstars have been getting increasingly greedy. Kevin Keegan went to Hamburger SV, to provide himself with "a challenge" as he put it. I've got the greatest admiration for Kevin's skills, but I'm convinced he left Liverpool just to boost his bank balance.

A few weeks ago Dennis Tueart signed for the Cosmos in the middle of his best-ever season for Manchester City.

Players ought to be more respectful and loyal to their country instead of trying to be richer than they would over here.

RICHARD STEVENS,
DONCASTER.

● Surely every individual has the right to better him or herself? Footballers are like everyone else and if they can earn a higher wage abroad, why shouldn't they go? It seems to me that playing in Germany has made Keegan an even better player and that can only benefit England.

**GENTLEMEN
NO SWEARING
PLEASE!**

Brian

'Soccer violence get worse,

HOOLIGANISM in soccer will get worse before it gets better unless someone makes a positive step to curb the disease that's eating away at our game.

I have been appalled at some of the things going on at games recently. How, I asked myself, could anyone possibly throw a dart at someone else?

Sooner or later a fan will be killed by someone's thoughtless action, and I presume the charge would be manslaughter. Imagine what that sort of publicity would do for football!

A player is also likely to be badly hurt soon by a thug running on to the field. A suitable deterrent MUST be found, otherwise I can see the present situation worsening.

Different authorities have said this and that, but to the best of my knowledge no one has yet come up with a solution to the hooligan problem. I don't know where the move must come from, but I wish that body would hurry up or else we're going to be in for REAL trouble.

My own view is that much, much stiffer penalties must be imposed on offenders. Fines of £75 or even £100 aren't going to frighten these so-called supporters.

Many can only pay at something like £1 a week, so they're not even noticing their fine. I'm sure in their twisted way being caught makes them some sort of heroes amongst their mates. So instead of being punished, offenders are being pushed a few rungs up their social ladder!

I have a horrible suspicion we'll have to wait until something REALLY bad happens before positive moves are taken.

I'd be in favour of jail sentences — and I don't mean 28 days either. The punishment must fit the crime and if someone was attacked in the street — or had a dart thrown at him — the criminal would be sent to jail for a long time. Or he should be.

I feel very sorry for the true fans who are being driven away from our grounds by these thugs parading as supporters. I meet a lot of genuine fans at meetings and socials and enjoy this side of soccer very much.

I've never met a soccer thug to try to find out what makes him tick. I have no desire to, either, because we wouldn't be on the same wavelength. Anyone who can injure someone or damage property must be mentally unbalanced in some way.

I don't think violence on the field is to blame. When you look at the amount of fights you see ON the field the number is minimal considering the pressures of football and how many matches are played. Anyway, it appears that a great deal of hooliganism occurs BEFORE games, which disproves any argument about players enticing fans to fight.

It would be a shame if there was a complete ban on the travelling fan. There are thousands of people who love soccer — it's their life — and to punish them for the acts of a minority are wrong.

We at Villa are lucky because we have a well-behaved set of fans. They have conducted themselves



"Scotland will miss the skills of Danny McGrain in Argentina."

will unless...

**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

with much credit in Europe this season, just as they have at home over the years, and I like to think they've improved the poor image of British supporters abroad.

Changing the subject, it was sad, if not too surprising, to hear the confirmation that Danny McGrain would not play in Argentina. Deep down, I don't think anyone expected him to, as he's been out of action since October and this softened the blow in a way.

Having said that, Danny's ab-

sence will hit Scotland. I know we have a strong pool of players, but no country could lose a player of Danny's calibre and not notice it. He is, quite simply, the best full-back in the world and in 1977 his form was of the highest standard.

Scotland will miss his experience and skill. Peru, Iran and Holland have been given a boost by Danny's absence because although he's a defender, he attacks so much (and so well) that opponents have to make plans to stop him.

At 27, Danny is approaching his peak and I sincerely hope he's back in business next season.

I don't know how much Celtic's poor form this season can be attributed to their captain's injury. It seems their main trouble has been scoring goals, rather than conceding them. Even so, they'll be glad when Danny's fully fit again.

This week, I'd also like to comment on the "professional foul" rumpus that has blown up over the past two or three weeks. First,

there's no such thing as a "professional foul". A foul is a foul and it can't be called anything else.

The incident that sparked it all off was when Phil Thompson hauled down John O'Hare in the League Cup Final replay at Old Trafford. As a result of this, Forest won the Cup, of course.

I have sympathy with both Phil Thompson and referee Pat Partridge. Had it been me who was going through, I'd have expected to be pulled back. Like it or not, it's football. Similarly, I'd expect a team-mate to stop an opponent in such a way.

In fact, it happened at Old Trafford when Dennis Mortimer beat Manchester United's offside trap and burst through. He was haring for goal, 25 yards out, when a United player pulled him back by the jersey.

It would be wrong to say Dennis would have scored, just as you couldn't say that about John O'Hare. But Dennis was very annoyed and the booking of the United player was no consolation.

Yet when the heat had gone out of the situation, I think Dennis understood what had happened, and 99 per cent of professionals would have done the same thing and halted Dennis's progress.

I think Pat Partridge booted in the League Cup Final; he was poorly positioned and I don't know how he could have been certain. The penalty-area is known as the 18-yard line, so a foul committed 19 yards out shouldn't mean a penalty. I always allow for human error, but I feel Mr. Partridge should not have given a penalty.

On Saturday (April 15th) we face Chelsea at Villa Park, which means I'll be facing — not literally, though! — Micky Droy, the biggest defender I've ever come up against.

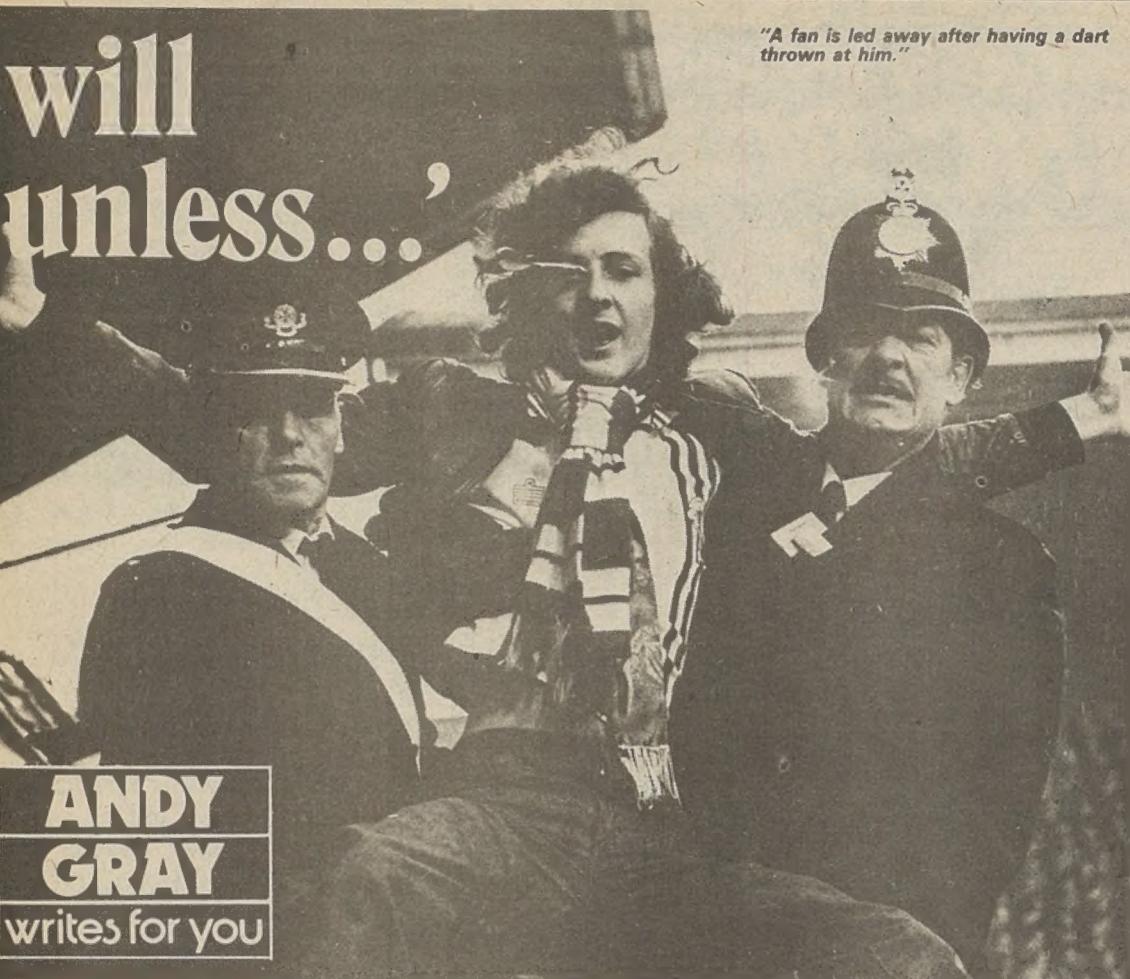
He's a real giant of a centre-half. Gordon McQueen is big, but the Chelsea man is so huge all-round.

Micky is a fair player, though, and I'm looking forward to playing against him.

I hope the match is better than the 0-0 draw at Stamford Bridge earlier this season. That was a poor game and just about all I can remember is us having a goal disallowed for some obscure reason.

Touch wood, my left leg is feeling strong and there have been no reactions to my two months on the sidelines. I was delighted to score a goal in my comeback game against Coventry City at Highfield Road (see picture). Now, I'm keeping my fingers crossed that all goes well until the end of the season.

Join me again in two weeks.



"My headed goal at Coventry — a great return!"



Four members of Scotland's World Cup squad

LOOKING FORWARD TO ARGENTINA



Dalglish scores for Scotland against Wales in a World Cup qualifier at Anfield.

'FORGET ABOUT BLOOD AND THUNDER'

Asa Hartford (Man. City)

I THINK Scotland will have to adjust their game somewhat, forget about our traditional blood and thunder stuff which we probably played to qualify. The matches against Wales and Czechoslovakia were ideal for that sort of game but out in Argentina, we will need to play differently — it won't be anything like that over there.

Teams will play more Continental-type football in the Finals. So we will have to adapt and I suppose it could take something away from our play. But I'm not too worried.

I'm not that concerned, either, about the temperament side. I know some people have been making a lot of that, but remember, there were about six or seven players who supposedly had reputations for having short fuses on their tempers in Scotland's South American tour last summer. I know Willie Johnston

was sent-off against Argentina, but what a travesty that was — and no one else had much trouble. So I don't believe it'll be the worry some "experts" have made out.

Our fate will really come down to how well we play in the big matches. By that, I mean we should reach the Quarter-Finals as long as we don't underestimate anyone. And after that, it's who plays to their potential on the day. I think on paper Holland should have beaten West Germany in the 1974 Final. Holland didn't play their best football — and that's the key to it.

I don't think we need fear anyone really. Personally I'd like to avoid meeting Italy. I think a dark horse will always emerge — last time it was Poland and let's hope it's us this. I think we can go there with great hope as long as we get luck — each successful side will need that in the end.

'OUR WILL-TO-WIN A GREAT ADVANTAGE'

Graeme Souness (Liverpool)

I DISAGREE with people who say it will be hard for European teams purely because the Finals are in South America. That may have been true in the past but I don't believe it will necessarily be a problem this time. There are no worries over altitude or anything like that so I think a European team could do really well.

Scotland and West Germany are the two I'd pick to go a long way. I think our will-to-win could be a great advantage to us. We must be careful we don't eliminate that ingredient by worrying about the disciplinary side of things. I don't see that being a problem out there — after all, no one is going to just lash out when they know what is involved. I think Ally MacLeod has made it clear he won't have any room for players who get into trouble and I think it all means too much to the players to lose

out by some stupid foul or retaliation.

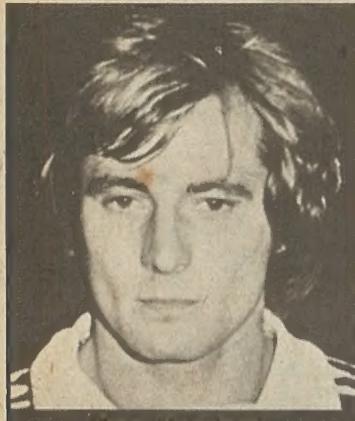
The comradeship and friendship in the Scottish squad will help them. When you're a long way from home, it must help you knit together as a side, especially if you're as fervently proud of your country as the Scottish players are.

Every country will get a few knocks and injuries and I think it will be the one with the strongest all-round ability throughout their squad, that will go far. Scotland should be fine in this respect — they will have strength and talent in every position, with lots of class players waiting to come in if the need arises.

Confidence is a factor I'd pick out as vitally important. Maybe it doesn't come to mind as a vital ingredient — but if the Scottish lads have it in abundance, I think they'll need a lot of stopping.

West Germany's Neumann (left) stops England's Peter Barnes.





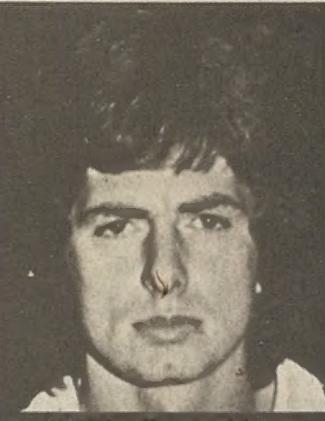
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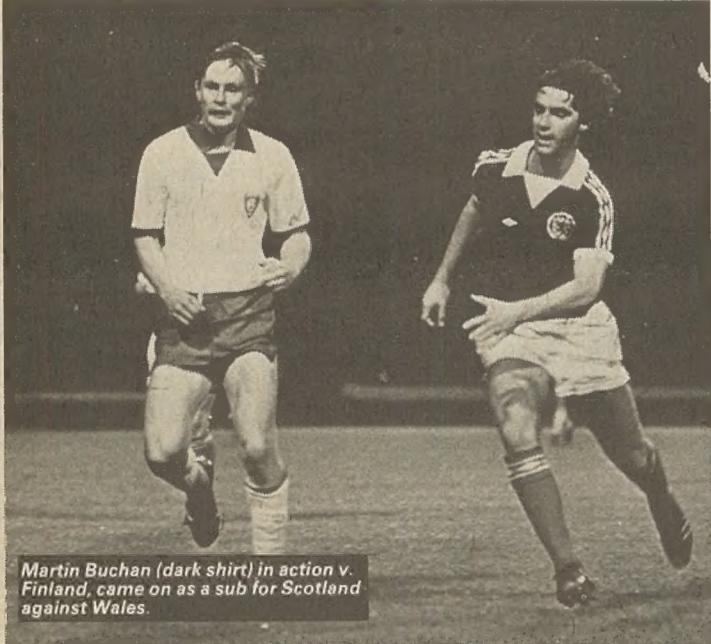
Willie Donachie

'FOREIGNERS WILL USE DIRTY TRICKS'

Neil McNab
(Tottenham)

There are probably the better-known players who will impress — like Kenny Dalglish. A player like Souness could really come through if he gets a chance in the Finals. His style could impress some of the best players in the world.

The greatest obstacle to Scotland's hopes is probably their temperament. I reckon the foreigners will use all their favourite dirty tricks to try and catch out the Scots in this department — kicking players while the referee isn't looking.



Martin Buchan (dark shirt) in action v. Finland, came on as a sub for Scotland against Wales.

PEOPLE might laugh it off but I really think Scotland can go very close to winning the World Cup this summer. And one of the reasons for that is the great experience they will be able to call on: players who know international football thoroughly and are world-class players. When you can bring on someone like Martin Buchan as a substitute — as Scotland did in a qualifier against Wales — it illustrates the strength of the Scottish squad.

I believe players like Graeme Souness and John Robertson could do really well out there.

and things like that. It could be a problem because it's hard for anyone to put up with that sort of thing all the time.

If Scotland can overcome that factor, they could go a long way. I'm convinced they're not just going out there for the group games and then a big party at the end of it all. Scotland's squad is full of world-class players and experienced ones, too. And if you have that sort of qualification there is no reason at all why you shouldn't be thinking in terms of winning the trophy or getting very close to doing so.



Scotland kick-off in the World Cup Finals against Peru (light shorts).

'NO DARK HORSES'

Willie Donachie (Man. City)

EVERYONE must realise the first game is the most important one for Scotland. I really believe that how we fare in that one will determine what we do in the tournament overall. A good performance in our first match will boost confidence and make everyone believe we can go a long way. But if we struggle, it will set the whole thing off on the wrong foot.

An early win will make us more relaxed for the rest of the tournament. But I believe Peru might be a good team, especially over there. A lot of people seem to think we've already got two wins under our belts — against Peru and Iran. But there is much danger in that because from what I hear, Peru have a lot of experience. You need that in the World Cup Finals and that's precisely what they've got. I don't understand why people have been writing them off.

Scotland must have real belief in themselves to do well. Maybe we write ourselves off and don't realise how good we could be. But I believe our squad is easily the best in Britain and could be one of the best in Argentina. We have a superbly talented midfield; players at the front (like Joe Jordan) and back (like Gordon McQueen) who can win games, and a lot of spirit, skill and quality throughout the side. We must have complete faith in our own ability to really go a long way. It's no good going out there thinking we'll be happy to reach the Quarter-Finals. We've got to believe we can reach the World Cup Final itself.

I can't see any dark horses coming through. I go for a tournament dominated by Brazil, West Germany, Argentina and ourselves. I'll be surprised if anyone else emerges to do anything really significant.

'MY MOST EXCITING PLAYERS OF THE YEAR'

THE Professional Footballers' Association have presented their awards. Soon the Football Writers will select their Player of the Year, and SHOOT readers will vote for their Most Exciting English League and Scottish League Players of the Year.

Obviously SHOOT'S trophies don't attract as much attention as the other two, but I can assure you players regard them as top awards.

To be chosen as the season's most exciting player — as I was in 1976 — by the readers of the leading national soccer magazine is a highly-coveted accolade.

It proves you have given pleasure to many people during a season... entertained. Helped to attract fans to matches, kept alive their interest in the game.

At the P.F.A. dinner at the London Hilton, a few weeks ago, guest speaker Lord Ted Willis — a life-long Spurs fan — urged teams to be more adventurous. He implied this

season he had seen more dull, defensive play.

I disagree. More and more clubs and players have made tremendous efforts to place the emphasis on attack.

Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and City, Everton, Spurs, and Liverpool, to name but a few, have all entertained with a capital E.

Players, too, have tried to display their skills more often. I've seen some super performances this term.

To prove my point I'm going to select a team of my most exciting players of the season.

As with all such exercises, it's a tough job and I'm bound to upset many fans by leaving out their favourites. Anyhow, here goes...

Peter Shilton won the P.F.A. Player of the Year award and is one of the best goalkeepers in the world, but my most exciting number one spot goes to Coventry's Jim Blyth.

Jim's made such fantastic pro-

gress this season since taking over from the injury-stricken Bryan King, that he's forced himself into Scotland's World Cup reckoning.

Against United this season, Jim was magic. His strengths? Agility and superb command in the box. A fine all-round 'keeper, who inspires his team-mates.

Running Jim a close second for the 'keeper's jersey is Forest's brilliant 18-year-old Chris Woods, who replaced Cup-tied Peter Shilton in the League Cup and was one of the stars in his team's Final victory over Liverpool.

My full-backs are Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson and Derek Statham of West Brom.

Both are young, adventurous and exciting to watch. They've got pace, strength in the tackle, courage and the skill to go past opponents.

In the Terry Cooper mould, they have the ability to add weight to their attack whenever the need arises — vital in today's modern full-back. They are almost second wingers.

Already England Under-21 internationals, Viv and Derek could one day form a solid, dependable rearguard in the full side. In fact, if I were England's boss I'd be inclined to promote them now.

The number five shirt goes to Bob Hazell of Wolves. Big, strong, commanding — the three main qualities needed to make a top class stopper.

Bob was the centre of a storm of controversy this season when he was sent-off at Arsenal. Immediately the colour question was raised.

Bob's black, as most of you know, and has been the target for abuse from some fans up and down the country. But he has the necessary courage to shut his ears to such despicable treatment.

Hazell is probably one of the best centre-half prospects to emerge on the scene for years.

He always seems to be in the thick of the action, never shirking a tackle or his responsibilities.

Bob is totally involved in the game, defending one minute, up in his opponents' penalty-area adding his power in the air and weight to the Wolves' strike force the next.

I'll complete my back-four with Arsenal's 19-year-old Eire international David O'Leary.

He has vision, timing, is good in the air, and looks great coming forward. Just one of The Gunners' fast-rising youngsters, David is a player far advanced in his years.



For my main midfielder, the provider of goals, who better than David's Highbury and Eire teammate Liam Brady.

Billy Bremner once said in SHOOT that Liam was the best and most exciting prospect to come into the game since George Best. Who am I to argue with Billy?

My second midfielder alongside Brady is Tottenham's brilliant Glenn Hoddle.

Glenn also has vision, is good with both feet, scores his share of goals and is deadly with free-kicks, especially just outside the box.

In a 4-2-4 formation I'd put Manchester City's England winger Peter Barnes up-front with Arsenal's Eire star Frank Stapleton, Birmingham's Trevor Francis and Forest's Tony Woodcock, who highlighted a fabulous season by being chosen as Young Player of the Year by the P.F.A.

Barnes would provide ample service for the talented Stapleton, who is brilliant in the air.

Trevor Francis has been in top form this term, despite the internal and relegation problems at his club.

Unknown

Tony Woodcock has been the discovery of the season. Virtually unknown before the start of the campaign, Woodie has really established himself in Brian Clough's League Cup winning and Championship-chasing side, and by scoring both goals for the England Under 21's in their recent European Championship tie against the rough, tough Italians at Maine Road.

Substitutes? Well, take your pick from Trevor Brooking (West Ham), Dave Thomas (Everton), Cyrille Regis (West Brom), John Robertson (Forest) and Mark Higgins (Everton).

If I were manager of this team there would be little for me to do each week except to order them to go out and play their natural game . . . bold, adventurous and exciting.

Would they be successful as a team? Impossible to say because they are very unlikely ever to play together. It's a shame really. What a thrilling sight they would be in action.

Several members of my team will

be playing for England next Wednesday (April 19th) in the friendly international against Brazil.

As I write I must confess I don't expect Ron Greenwood to select me for the team.

He'll probably stick to the same side that did so well against West Germany in Munich last month . . . apart from Ray Wilkins, of course.

His recent groin injury must have come as a blow to Mr. Greenwood's plans. Hurry up and recover, Ray.

What a glamorous, prestigious match this is. A complete sell-out weeks ago, the occasion is certainly an exciting one for players and fans.

Both countries will be treating the match very seriously. England will be determined to achieve a good result to maintain their recent revival, while defeat for Brazil could shake their World Cup confidence.

Some critics say countries such as Brazil treat foreign tours as training for the more serious matches.

That may be true in some cases, but not against England. All nations still regard victory over us as a real triumph, no matter how high our standing in world soccer.

As I write it looks as though our proposed "B" international against Brazil has been called off. A great pity. Still, there is the British Championship to look forward to . . . and then England's "B" tour.

Just space now to mention United's match this Saturday (April 15th) at Norwich City.

They beat us 2-1 in last season's corresponding game, and United won 1-0 at Old Trafford earlier this term.

Manager John Bond has got his Canaries playing a bit this season and at the moment they have achieved a very respectable position in the table.

United were unlucky to lose to them last term . . . let's hope Fate is on our side this weekend.

Cheers for now . . .

Gordon H. D.

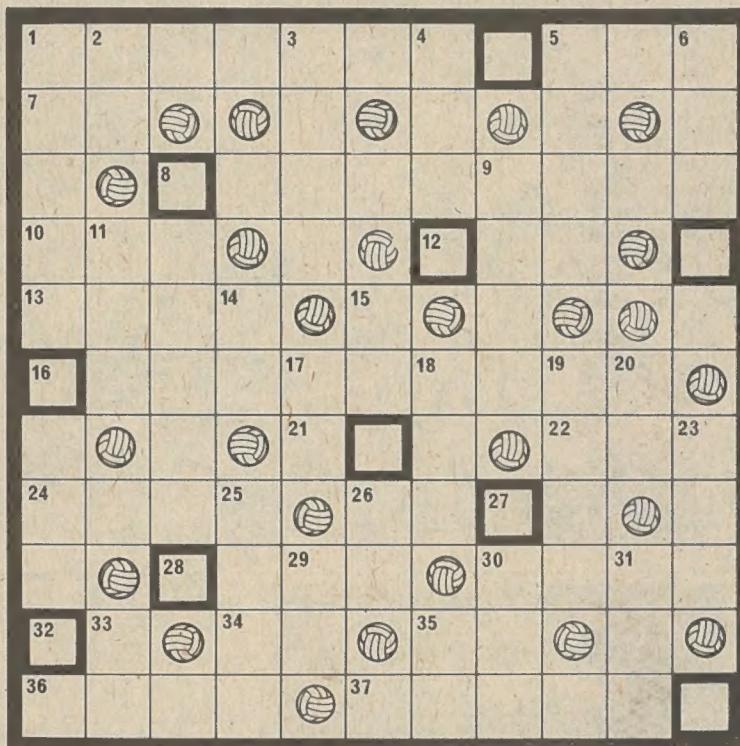


The Players' Young Player of the Year, Tony Woodcock, receives his trophy from England boss Ron Greenwood.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Coventry City striker.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 42



ACROSS:

- Ipswich Town striker. (4 & 7)
- Joey J---es of Liverpool.
- Scottish Premier Division club from Kilbowie Park.
- Whi-e-a rt Lan- (Spurs home).
- Dave C-em-n- of Queens Park Rangers.
- a-e Roa-, Manchester City.
- Team from Villa Park.
- Ray G--yd-n (former Aston Villa and Coventry winger), the omissions reversed.
- Number of goals scored in the 1976/7 Scottish Cup Final (Celtic v. Rangers).
- Bloomfield —, Blackpool's ground.
- Current happenings about the game . . . as supplied by SHOOT.
- Hil---rough (Sheffield Wednesday's ground). Throws from the missing letters.
- Pr-es-fi-ld Stadiu-, Gillingham's home ground.
- Tom McAd-- of Celtic.
- Clive -alk-, Chelsea striker.
- Fr-ton Park, home of Portsmouth.
- Surname of record holder of the most goals scored in a season (60 in 1927/8).
- Gate, ground of Bristol City.
- Ipswich Town's ground. (7 & 4).
- Paul Re--ey of Leeds United.
- Joe —, Orient striker.
- Moth-w--l (Scots Premier Div.). Dance from the missing letters.
- Tidy, or cleverly done.
- Sunderland's home: — Park.
- Cowdenbeath's: — Park.
- Colin —, Manchester City midfield player.
- Ron -arr-- of Chelsea.
- uglas Park, Hamilton Academic's ground.
- David — full-back with Aston Villa.
- Terry -ayl-r of Spurs.
- P-tod-i Stadium, Aberdeen.
- Gained no points from the match.
- Arthur -Ibisto- of Manchester United.
- Park of Reading F.C.
- Mea---ba-k (Scottish Division II).
- Peter ----e, Nottingham Forest striker.
- Mike Summer--e, player-manager at Stockport.
- ay M-ad-w (Shrewsbury Town). "Self" from the omissions.
- Gordon -cQue-n of Manchester United.
- Tommy C-s-idy of Newcastle United.

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'I'M NOT A THREAT TO PETER SHILTON'

says Nottingham Forest's League Cup Final hero CHRIS WOODS

ALTHOUGH John Robertson slotted home the penalty that gave Nottingham Forest victory in their League Cup Final replay against Liverpool, the real hero of the two matches was Chris Woods.

He was the teenaged Forest goalkeeper who stepped in for Peter Shilton and performed in a way even the England man would have been proud of.

And nothing could spoil the joy of victory for Woods at Old Trafford — not even the prospect of playing against Blackburn Rovers reserves in his next match.

Said the youngster: "When the final whistle went, I felt great. It wasn't only winning the Cup but the fact I'd twice kept a clean sheet against a side like Liverpool.

"I was pretty nervous at Wembley but Liverpool tested me out earlier on and that gave me a chance to make a couple of saves and settle down. After Wembley, it was easier for the replay.

"The first match is almost a blur to me but I can still remember some of the saves at Old Trafford. I stopped shots from Kenny Dalglish and Phil Neal in the first-half and I had to dive to my right to save from Ray Kennedy after the break.

Youngest

"I remember I had to go full length and stretch out my right hand and at the time, I wasn't sure whether the ball was going to hit the post anyway. But I wanted to be sure."

Woods, the youngest goalkeeper ever to play in a Wembley Final, put on a performance that filled his fellow professionals with respect and his watching family with pride.

His brilliance allowed Forest to survive a first match which Liverpool dominated almost completely, and he made two more important saves at Old Trafford to keep his side on course for the Cup.

There was a lot of controversy about whether the penalty should have been given when Phil Thompson chopped down John O'Hare but Woods was too far away to judge, whether the foul was in the area or not.

"All I'm sure of is that John put the ball in the net. After that, I knew I only had to keep them out to make sure of a winners' medal."

Woods and the rest of the Forest players reckon they deserve the Cup for the manner in which they held Liverpool at bay for so long, and were then able to launch a counter attack to grab the winner.



Forest's two goalkeepers — Chris Woods (above) and number one Peter Shilton (below).



The fact they had five regular first teamers out in the replay — injured John McGovern and Colin Barrett joined the three Cup-tied players on the sidelines — made the performance even more praiseworthy.

It's doubtful though, whether Shilton himself could have matched the youngster's performance in goal, although Woods doesn't regard himself as a rival, or a threat to the England 'keeper.

"The matches I played in during the League Cup run weren't a challenge to Peter's place. They were just tremendous experience for the future.

"I've always known Peter is the number one 'keeper at the club and he has been a great help to me. He gave me coaching sessions before the games against Liverpool.

"I'll never forget those games and I don't mind going back into the reserves. It's all been marvellous and as I didn't expect to play in the first team at all this season, it was a nice bonus."

Woods' performance earned praise from his opposite number in the Liverpool team, Ray Clemence. Clemence reckoned the teenager had a remarkable first Wembley.

And Forest assistant manager Peter Taylor, himself a former goalkeeper, went even further than that.

Said Taylor: "Chris was absolutely out of this world. The character of the lad is unbelievable. He showed such maturity in both games, never losing his nerve and carrying the burden of being the youngest 'keeper in a Final superbly."

The last word on Woods, though, goes to his manager Brian Clough. Normally the master of the overstatement, Cloughie confined himself to an untypical understatement when he said after the final whistle at Old Trafford: "I see Woods had another bad game."

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This week Middlesbrough defender JOHN CRAGGS selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Fantastic, boss — discovered him in the park playing with his grandchildren"



"I can see why that team so kindly loaned him to us — we're playing them next Saturday"



"I know I told you to play it safe — but when you've got possession of the ball in their penalty-area — you don't boot it back to our goalkeeper"



"But honest, skip — I was unsighted"

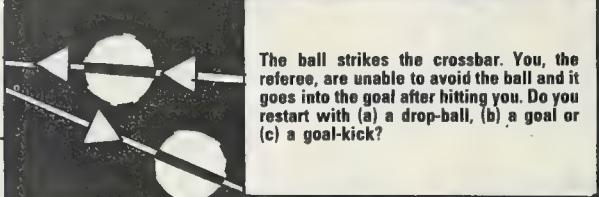


"Here you are, officer — change his nappy and give him a dummy"

YOU ARE THE REEF

Compiled by STAN LOVER, President of the London Referees' Society.

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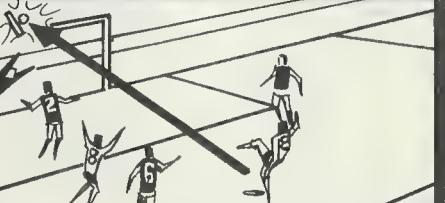


The ball strikes the crossbar. You, the referee, are unable to avoid the ball and it goes into the goal after hitting you. Do you restart with (a) a drop-ball, (b) a goal or (c) a goal-kick?



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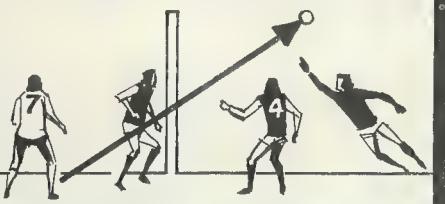
A: In a friendly match the crossbar is broken when it is struck by the ball. You decide to stop play but allow the game to continue without a crossbar after the broken bar has been removed.



B: You restart play by dropping the ball on the penalty-spot i.e. where it was when you stopped play.



C: Later an attacker kicks the ball over the goal-line where the crossbar would have been. You award a goal. (Where is the problem?)



ANSWERS . . .

1. The correct decision is (c) a goal-kick. 2. The problem is in C. A goal should only be awarded if the ball crosses the goal-line below where the crossbar would have been. In A it is correct to allow a friendly match to continue without a crossbar on one goal. In B the play is stopped after a friendly match to continue without a crossbar on one goal.

Preview

IRAN v WALES Tehran, April 18th.

WALES HOPE TO HELP SCOTLAND



WE'LL HELP Ally MacLeod. All we can — if he can't get along himself." That is the promise of Wales manager Mike Smith for the clash against World Cup qualifiers Iran on April 18th.

There will be a warm Welsh welcome for the man whose side knocked out Wales in the World Cup qualifying if he wants to join them on the trip to Tehran... "but Ally has so many commitments that he may not be able to catch our plane," says Smith.

"If that is so, I'll let him have a full dossier of Iran's patterns of play and the men Scotland will be facing in their group in Argentina."

This is the second occasion this season that Wales have jetted away to the oil rich nations of the Middle East. The first time, it was Kuwait: now it is the sterner opposition of Iran.

F.A.W. secretary Trevor Morris has negotiated some of the fattest guarantees that Welsh football has known for these two trips — and it is cash badly needed after the massive financial damage inflicted on Cardiff City and Wrexham under the requirements of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act.

"But money does not enter into the real reasons for this fixture in Iran," insists Smith. "We needed a game to follow on to our last match, against West Germany before Christmas, and just before the British Championship.

"Our reasons for accepting this invitation go even further than that immediate objective. I am now planning our campaign in the next European Championship where we face Malta, West Germany and Turkey.

"The more experience we can gain of different climates and different atmospheres, the better



equipped the players will be. For instance, we are scheduled to play Malta in the heat of their June; then Turkey is going to be something new again.

"We learned a lot about how to play in heat from the trip to Kuwait; the game in Tehran will give us an idea about conditions in Turkey. These fixtures are so important in our preparations."

One of the strongest points of Smith's success as Wales manager is his briefing of the players. He crosses every 't' and dots every 'i' in letting them know what they face in terms of opposing players, pitch conditions, weather and food. Travel plans, worked out in conjunction with the equally thorough Trevor Morris, are arranged to ensure not the slightest hitch — that is why the Wales squad is one of the happiest in international football.

For instance, Smith has been hard at work already in mapping out the next Wales campaign in the European Championship. He

has been to Turkey recently to see them play Rumania in a Balkans Cup match: a week or so ago, he was in Hamburg watching West Germany play Brazil.

He deliberately drove to Hamburg so that he could come home by way of Eindhoven to check on the current form of Nick Deacy, his tall striker playing for the P.S.V. club. Smith has also arranged a quick flight home from Tehran so that the squad could land in plenty of time at Heathrow to get across to Wembley and see England's game against Brazil.

One new name figuring large in Smith's match planning is Bristol Rovers' 18-year-old goalkeeper Martin Thomas. The youngster who a year ago was third choice at Eastville is now the only Welsh-qualified goalkeeper playing regular first team football in the top two Divisions. He would have been a certainty for the Iran trip but for a critical Rovers re-arranged match that night: now his chance must wait until the British Championship next month.

His brilliant breakthrough has been one of the best strokes of good fortune that Smith has experienced this season. Bobby Campbell, Rovers' manager, predicts: "Once Martin wins his first Welsh cap, he is going to be in that team for a very long time to come.

"Barring injury or illness, there is nothing to stop him because he has all the talent, temperament, dedication and ambition needed to make a success of his career."

Wales have been short of goalkeepers for some time... "but they're not any longer," stresses Campbell. "This lad has it all at his command — and he is not the kind of player to let it slip.

"His handling is outstanding, his reflex saves marvellous to see and his timing excellent. His only weakness has been his kicking and we've worked very hard to put

that right."

"This season has been just unbelievable for me," says Martin who comes from the Mid-Glamorgan village of Senghenydd. Rugby dominates his valley and his elder brother, David, is a match-winning three-quarter for Cardiff. "But I always wanted to make soccer my game," he confirms.

"Three years ago I wrote to Rovers for a trial knowing of the success that so many Welsh players have enjoyed at Eastville.

"They had me over there, then asked me to join the squad that they run in South Wales. It all started from there."

Martin quickly made an impression and was signed as an apprentice at Eastville. He was still to sign as a full professional when he made his League debut last season. After one game at Charlton, when he conceded four goals, Martin quietly returned to the reserves. "Then he was still growing. Now he's stopped and is maturing as a player," explains Campbell.

When his chance came again this season, there was no looking back. He has played one great game after another and looks set to break in to the Wales squad and stay there for years — just like Gary Sprake and Jack Kelsey.

"I work at my game all the time," he says. "The one thing I hate is standing around. In first team training, I will go off with one other player to shoot at me if I'm not needed: then I return in the afternoons to work with the apprentices.

"They keep me busy with crossing and more shooting. It's the only way to make progress — and I hope that I will progress into the Welsh side! That is my ambition above anything. All I've won so far is one Youth cap and it would be fantastic to make the senior team one day."



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1. Did Pele make his international debut for Brazil against Argentina in 1957, 1958 or 1959?

2. Can you name . . . (a) the Brazilian club Pele played for during his long and highly-successful career, and (b) the year in which he joined the Cosmos — 1973, 1974, or 1975?

3. Which number shirt did Pele wear for these clubs?

SHOOT PELE RECORD

My Answers

1.

2.

3.

Full name

Address

Age

England have met Brazil on ten previous occasions. Brazil have won six times, England once and three matches have been drawn. Brazil's goals tally is 17, against England's eight.

★ ★ ★

England's first encounter with Brazil saw their only victory. A 4-2 home win at Wembley on May 9th, 1956. The goals were scored by Tommy Taylor (2) and Colin Grainger (2) and Paulinho and Didi for Brazil.

The two teams lined up as follows: England: Matthews (R) (Coventry); Hall (Birmingham); Byrne (Man. Utd); Clayton (R) (Blackburn); Wright (Wolves); Edwards (Man. Utd); Matthews (S) (Blackpool); Atyeo (Bristol C); Taylor (Man. Utd); Haynes (Fulham); Grainger (Sheff. Utd). Brazil: Gilmar; Santos (D); Santos (N); Zozimo; Pavao; Dequinha; Paulinho; Alvaro; Gino; Didi; Chanoteiro.

★ ★ ★

This is the third time Brazil have visited Wembley for an international. Following England's 4-2 victory in 1956, Brazil came again on May 8th, 1963, and drew 1-1.

The goals were scored by Bryan Douglas for England and Pepe for Brazil.

★ ★ ★

Brazil are the only country to have won the World Cup three times. Their victories came in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

★ ★ ★

Brazil's highest score against England was on May 30th, 1964, when the South American aces won 5-1. Rinaldo scored twice and Pele, Diaz and Julinho completed the rout. Jimmy Greaves scored England's goal.

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ON April 19th, the fabulous crowd-pleasers of Brazil come to Wembley for a friendly with England. There will be a capacity audience of over 92,000. Here we present a collection of facts and figures, most concerning past meetings between these two great rivals, and we're sure there'll be some fascinating additions after Wednesday's 'Soccer Spectacular' . . .

When Brazil beat Sweden 5-2 in the 1958 World Cup Final, it became the highest aggregate score in a World Cup Final and is still the record. Vava (2), Pele (2) and Zagalo scored for the Brazilians.

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The two countries have clashed three times in the World Cup Finals. The first meeting was in Gothenburg, Sweden, on June 11th, 1958. England drew 0-0, the only occasion in the three encounters England escaped defeat. But Brazil still won their Group with England finishing second.

Their second World Cup meeting was on June 10th, 1962, at Vina del Mar, Chile, when Brazil beat England 3-1 in the Quarter-Finals. The third meeting was on June 7th, 1970, in Guadalajara, Mexico, when a goal by Jairzinho beat England 1-0.

★ ★ ★

Four Brazilians and three Englishmen have won a century of international caps. Brazil's are Pele (110), Rivelino (107, before current European tour), Gilmar (100) and Nilton Santos (100).

The "Ton-Up" boys for England are Bobby Moore (108), Bobby Charlton (106) and Billy Wright (105). All seven players have appeared in matches between the two teams.

★ ★ ★

It was an Englishman who brought football to Brazil! In 1894, Charles Miller introduced the first footballs to be seen in that country.

★ ★ ★

England's draw in June, 1977, in Rio was the first time they have escaped defeat there in four matches. England previously lost 0-2, 1-5 and 1-2.

★ ★ ★

The match between Brazil and Czechoslovakia in the 1938 World Cup Finals held in France is still known as the "Battle of Bordeaux". Brazil keeper Planica, with a broken arm, Czech forward Nejedly, with a broken leg. Both ended in hospital.

Two Brazilians and one Czech were sent-off and two other players were badly injured. The match finished 1-1. In the replay, Brazil made nine changes and the Czechs six. The referee was also changed and in a trouble-free match, Brazil won 2-1.

★ ★ ★

The last time the two countries met was on June 8th, 1977, in Rio when England drew 0-0. The match was the start of a South American tour by England that saw them unbeaten. They went on to draw 1-1 with Argentina and 0-0 with Uruguay.

BRAZIL 17, ENGLAND 8



ABOVE . . . Brazil's Marco Antonio (right) beats England's Phil Thompson during the clash in 1976 in Los Angeles, which the Brazilians won 1-0.

ABOVE, LEFT . . . Brazil (dark strip) knocked England out of the 1962 World Cup Finals when they won 3-1.

LEFT . . . The jubilant Brazil side after their first World Cup triumph in 1958.

FULL RECORD

9-56	Wembley	England	4	Brazil	2
11-68	Gothenburg	England	0	Brazil	0 (WC)
13-59	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	2	England	0
10-62	Vina del Mar	Brazil	3	England	1 (WC)
8-63	Wembley	England	1	Brazil	1
30-54	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	5	England	1
12-69	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	2	England	1
7-670	Guadalajara	Brazil	1	England	0 (WC)
23-576	Los Angeles	Brazil	1	England	0
8-677	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	0	England	0

UNTIL 1974, Brazil were regarded as the most colourful, successful side in the world. Three times World Cup winners — a hat-trick equalled by no other country — they were renowned for their incredible, flamboyant ball-skills and their attack-minded policy. Defence was a nasty, seven-lettered word to them. Their boast was that no matter how many goals were scored against them, they would put more balls into their opponents' net.

In their line-ups they included

players whom I rate as being models of perfection in their roles. Players such as Jairzinho, that darting, dazzling winger who scored the only, and winning goal in that classic match between Brazil and England in Guadalajara in Mexico in 1970; Tostao, a brilliant, thrustful schemer who combined so superbly with the greatest showman of them all, the incomparable Pele.

To the rest of the world, Brazil were an inspiration, with their joyous, free-flowing, go-for-goal style.

But in the 1974 World Cup Finals

in West Germany, their image was tarnished when they presented an unadventurous side who played in a way contrary to their past, dynamic image.

Instead of following an attacking policy, they concentrated on defence, and everything about them was safety-first.

What critics failed to appreciate enough was then-manager Zagalo

had no option because we had lost the likes of Pele and Tostao, and so was forced to use less-talented newcomers.

He had to play to his side's strengths — and they were mainly defensive.

In fact, for me the most outstanding players in the side were the two Marinho's — Francisco, the blond full-back, and Mario, the sweeper.

Subsequently, Mario joined Spain's Barcelona, but left around two years ago, returned to Brazil and comparative obscurity. I don't

'WE'RE HOPING FOR

our second win against Brazil'



Brazil's Rivelino beats Phil Thompson of England.

Rivelino is the king-pin



Disqualified

In a list of Irish Cup Final results, I saw an entry for the 1919-20 season which simply said: "Cup awarded to Shelbourne" — with no score or opponents given. Why was this?

BEN TICEHURST,
WESTON-SUPER-MARE

• What happened, Ben, was that, after a riot at the Belfast Celtic v. Glentoran Semi-Final, both clubs were disqualified.

In Celtic's case, this was as a result of the referee's report on the circumstances of the match; in Glentoran's, because they included an ineligible player.

The Dublin club Shelbourne — this was still in the days of combined Irish

football — had won the other Semi and, so, in the absence of any opposition to play in the Final, were awarded the Cup.

All Square

I've been given a Newcastle programme dated 24th August 1955, for a game against Birmingham. Could you tell me who won, and how the clubs finished up at the end of that season?

JACQUELINE KING,
HOUGHTON-le-SPRING

• That early-season First Division game ended in a 2-2 draw. Jacqueline

Birmingham ended the campaign in sixth position — and also reached the F.A. Cup Final — with Newcastle five places lower.

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"Pongo" Waring

How many goals did that great centre-forward "Pongo" Waring score for Villa?

C. GRIFFITHS,
BIRMINGHAM

• All told — for Tranmere, Villa, Barnsley, Wolves, and Accrington — Waring scored 245 goals in 362 League games.

Of these, 161 were scored in 214 First Division games for Villa, where he was a top star for almost a decade.

"Pongo's" best season was 1930-31 when, in 39 League games, he contributed 49 goals to Villa's now seemingly unbeatable record total of 128.

know where he is now exactly.

Francisco has lately fallen into disfavour because of a "hippy" type lifestyle to which the authorities object, and is unlikely to be included on Brazil's present European tour or in their World Cup side in Argentina.

He played against England in the 1976 American Bicentennial tournament in Los Angeles. Until he came on as sub in the final 20 minutes, England had dictated the play and looked like scoring. But his presence swung the game against us, as he prompted attacks, and it was from his pass that the other sub, Roberto, scored their winning goal.

The Brazilians, desperate for a "new Pele", at first hailed Paulo Cesar as their King's successor, but he failed to live up to his early promise in West Germany and, after a spell with French side Marseille, where his "exploits" off the field made more headlines than those on it, he left and returned to Brazil. There, he's become just another League player.

Brazil pin their hopes on a comparative new boy called Zico, who gave me some nasty moments in the Los Angeles game with shots from his extensive repertoire. Capable of shooting with either foot, he can bend a ball either round or over just about any defensive wall.

Off-day

In our next match against the Brazilians, in the fabulous Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro, during our close season tour in 1977, he was not as outstanding. He was probably having an off-day. It happens to us all.

Eventually I expect Zico to replace Rivelino, probably the number one danger man when we play the Brazilians at Wembley next Wednesday in the inappropriately-named "friendly".

Rivelino is the king-pin, the hub from which all their moves stem. Not as agile as he once was — age is starting to slow him down — he is still one of the most accurate, devastating passers of the ball in the business. Rarely does he give it away.

He also has a phenomenally-powerful kick, produced with very little back-lift of his leg. This means it's difficult to gauge when he is about to unleash a shot at goal.

But those were goal-happy days. Arsenal, who pipped Villa to the League title, scored 127 — with only two of the First Division's 22 clubs scoring fewer goals than Liverpool's title-winning 62 last season.

Giantkillers

Please tell me who scored Colchester's goals in that famous giantkilling F.A. Cup defeat of Leeds a few years ago.

SIMON FROST,
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.

That Fifth Round tie took place on 13th February, 1971. Simon — and Ray Crawford (two) and Dave Simmons had run-up an unbelievable 3-0 lead for the Fourth Divisioners before Hunter and Giles made the scoreline a little less embarrassing for Leeds.

Their goalkeeper Leao, and this isn't sour grapes, is not up to European international standards, being rather slow and cumbersome. It's strange that Central and South American countries have produced so few class 'keepers over the years, and I can only attribute this to neglect.

Until now they've probably felt it more important to concentrate on grooming quality outfield players.

However, I did notice Leao had improved since I first saw him in action in 1974.



'Norman Hunter never gives less than maximum effort'

The word "friendly" is a misnomer now when it comes to matches between top nations, as they are used as a vital part of the preparations for competitions.

Formations, players, and tactics are tried out and great importance is attached to results.

For the Brazilians, their European tour is intended to accustom them to playing against European teams, prepare them for their coming assault on the World Cup.

For England, it's an opportunity to build on the team-work created in our four matches under Ron Green-

wood — against Switzerland and Luxembourg, against Italy last November, when a 2-0 win proved insufficient to earn us a place in Argentina, and against West Germany in Munich in February, where we were unfortunate to lose by 2-1 after being in the lead for most of the time.

I anticipate the Brazilians, under Claudio Coutinho, will field almost their World Cup side; Ron Greenwood will stick by the one we used against the Germans.

Unfortunately, he will have to replace one of our most promising youngsters, Ray Wilkins, who revels in playing at the topmost level. He has shown a maturity and confidence that marks him down as an England regular.

He is ruled out of next Wednesday's game due to a persistent groin strain, an injury only rest can cure.

Ray will be terribly disappointed because, like everyone in the squad, the prospect of playing against the Brazilians — and possibly inflicting on them their second defeat at English hands — is a thrilling one.

My record book tells me England beat them 4-2 at Wembley in May, 1956 — the first meeting between the two countries.

Heartache for one person can mean joy for another. And Ray's dropping out will open the door to someone else, and the current favourite for Ray's shirt is Tony Currie, putting in his best-ever season for Leeds United.

Good news

Very good news is that Kevin Keegan, who looked unlikely to be released by his club, Hamburger SV, for the match, will be able to play for us after all. I know Kev will be over the moon about it.

At the time of writing a small cloud lurks on the horizon for the Liverpool contingent. Our club is involved in a back-log of League fixtures, and our club has asked that one be put back until after the F.A. Cup Final, otherwise they may have to request we be withdrawn from the England squad.

Normally the club are only too willing to release players for their countries, regarding it as a great honour for Liverpool.

However, I'm sure everything will be sorted out soon.

Early reports suggest the match is already a sell-out, that there'll be a packed house on the big night.

Apart from a feast of football, our fans are likely to be treated to the spectacle of the cluster of Brazilian fans, who'll no doubt be following their favourites around Europe, bringing a carnival touch with their bongo drums and catchy South American songs.

I hope they know some mournful ones, to sing after we've defeated Brazil for only the second time.

Just room for my thoughts on Liverpool's League match this Saturday, against Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

First, I'd like to warn City's supporters that we do not reckon on a repeat of the 2-1 scoreline on our previous visit.

That was last season, on the Monday after we had won the Championship and before our Cup Final date with Manchester United at Wembley.

Fear of injury and missing that Final meant we didn't play as wholeheartedly as usual.

Because this season's Championship is out of our grasp, does not mean we're not interested in collecting both points.

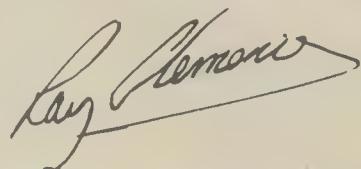
One of the many nice things about visiting City is the chance to meet up again with my former Liverpool team-mate, Peter Cormack, and also Joe Royle, who lived on Merseyside for a long time.

I'll also enjoy a chat with Norman Hunter, one of the nicest guys to meet — off the pitch. On it, he never gives less than maximum effort.

I've always wondered what the outcome would be if he and our Tommy Smith came together in a 50-50 tackle!

Manager Alan Dicks has done a fine job, keeping City in the First last season after winning promotion, and consolidating them in mid-table this season. Next, I suspect he'll be out to steer them into a place in Europe to ensure European soccer at Ashton Gate in 1979-80.

Till next week —



Offside Law

Can you tell me when the offside law was introduced into the game?

IAN RIPLEY,
BARNESLEY

In its present form, Ian, since 1925. In that year the law was changed so a player could not be offside when two opponents — instead of three — were between himself and the opponents' goal-line at the operative moment.

The previous "three-man" law, with just slight variations down the years, had basically been effective since 1867.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

SHORT PASSES

Defender Jack Brownsword played a club-record 600 League games for Scunthorpe between 1950 and 1965

(ANDREW WILSON,
Scunthorpe)

Hungary play in red shirts, white shorts, and green stockings; Austria in red shirts, white shorts, and red stockings.

(JAN CAMERON,
Midlothian)

Leeds were League Champions in 1968-69 and 1973-74; and won the F.A. Cup in 1971-72.

(LANRE AWODEINDE, Nigeria)

Alan Oakes played a club-record 565 League games for Manchester City between 1959 and 1976.

(N. BRYANT, Manchester)

Aston Villa have won the F.A. Cup a record seven times; the League Championship six times; and the League Cup three times.

(JOHN O'LEARY, Eire)

Arsenal have been continuously in the First Division since the 1919-20 season.

(RICHARD COLLIS, Northwood)

SHOOT: With just under two months to go before the Finals, many people are making Brazil favourites to win. As skipper, what are your views about this?

RIVELINO: I'm very proud. We certainly have a very good chance of winning, although at the same time there are still quite a few improvements we must make to our game. We have time to work on these things and our coach, Claudio Coutinho, should be able to correct our faults. All the same, I agree we are one of the favourites.

SHOOT: Were you pleased with Brazil's performances against Peru and Bolivia in your qualifying ties? How near are Brazil to having a team good enough to win the Cup for a fourth time?

RIVELINO: We didn't have much time to get used to Coutinho's methods before these games and we did not play our best football in Colombia. The most important factor was we won and qualified. It would have been stupid to have played pretty football and lost! Now we must prepare ourselves — and I'm sure we'll do it correctly — for the REAL action in Argentina so we can show the world proper Brazilian football, not what we played in Colombia.

SHOOT: You played quite a few European teams in the summer last year. Which sides impressed you the most?

RIVELINO: I liked West Germany, England — against whom we drew a difficult match — and Yugoslavia, all world powers I feel. The Germans impressed me most of all as they have almost a new team compared with '74. These changes haven't affected their strength whatsoever.

SHOOT: What did you think of England and Scotland?

RIVELINO: The previous time I played against England was in Los Angeles, 1976. Then, England had a better, more organised team. Scotland have some new faces since '74 and a new style. They still have a strong side, but I think they were better in West Germany. England of 1977 cannot be compared with England of 1970. It's impossible.

SHOOT: What lessons did Brazil learn from playing the Europeans?

RIVELINO: It's always valuable to play countries on the other side of the world to observe their styles. More than anything it was an opportunity to find a way past their rigid marking, which we in South America are not used to. I'm sure Coutinho was able to note a great many "tricks" from these encounters. It was also important for us to see that although we are not the Brazil of old, we still have excellent players ... players with much more skill than the Europeans. I'd like to see regular matches between teams from the two continents. This would benefit world soccer in general.

SHOOT: Did you find the Europeans physical?

RIVELINO: Tactically, they were better than we're used to. Not so long ago a Brazilian could dribble past a European just by moving his body from side to side. These days they are more careful and think a lot more which has probably come about by playing against us more often. Above all I noticed the Europeans are still running as much as ever. But physical? No, not particularly.

SHOOT: Is it possible for a European team to win the World Cup?

RIVELINO: Oh yes, of course! I'd say the Europeans will have as much chance as the South Americans. Taking the top teams man for man, you won't find a great amount of difference.

SHOOT: Is it true Brazil would like some "European qualities" in their game?

RIVELINO: We don't need anything from their game. We have won the World Cup three times playing our own football. Need I say more? In '74 everyone started to praise Holland. Who knew them before those Finals? I think it was even the first time they'd qualified! Why should Brazil take any qualities from them? We shall play the way we know — and only WE know — how. The Brazilian Press, however, is never happy. If a player makes a simple mistake

No.11 Roberto Rivelino BRAZIL

'We don't need EUROPEAN QUALITIES'

during a game he is criticised. An example of the power of the Press is the fact they got our previous manager, Oswaldo Brandao, sacked — and he'd never lost a match! Our Press doesn't realise that preparations for a World Cup are gradual ... slowly, but always forward. Here, they're not bothered whether it's a friendly or a Cup Final — they want us to win, win, win: 10-0 or 20-0! They don't

The great '70 team (from left): Carlos Alberto, Brito, Gerson, Piazza, Everaldo, Tostao, Cleodoaldo, Rivelino, Pele, Jairzinho and Felix.



accept we are trying out new systems, building for the future and this is a bad thing for Brazilian football.

SHOOT: British fans were upset with the refereeing in Argentina last June. Did you see the controversial incidents?

RIVELINO: You mean Trevor Cherry and Willie Johnston? No, I didn't see what happened when they were sent-off. One cannot say what will happen THIS June. Referees are honest and don't have preferences for this country or that one. Let's hope it's an exciting — and a calm — World Cup.

SHOOT: How has the change of manager affected Brazil?

RIVELINO: Changing coaches during a tournament — as we did — is usually bad because the players are used to the style of the first man. Then, everything has to be changed. Sometimes this is easy, sometimes disastrous. In our case last year it was easy. Coutinho was quickly accepted by the players and he helped us to qualify. He gave us the peace we didn't have under Brandao. Now, we all have a lot of work to do together in a short space of time.

SHOOT: Do you think Coutinho will keep his job until the Finals?

RIVELINO: Who knows what tomorrow may bring? I hope he stays, but you can never predict what might happen.

SHOOT: You've played over 100 times for your country and, by all accounts, showing better than ever form. Which games stands out in particular?

RIVELINO: Thank you for your compliment. I have many happy memories as you can imagine, but I shall never forget our matches during the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico. It was a real "show" of Brazilian football.

SHOOT: Will Brazil, or anyone, ever have a better team than that fabulous line-up?



Another Rivelino special... his free-kick is too good for the East German wall during the 1974 World Cup Finals.

RIVELINO: I don't think it's possible. Brazil in 1970 were out of this world. Not even our country could produce such a team again. We may have a side of excellent players, but as a team we'll never equal 1970. I'd love to think we could, but realistically I'd have to say no.

SHOOT: Who's the best player you've ever seen?

RIVELINO: There is no other: Pele.

SHOOT: Your final message to the fans in Britain?

RIVELINO: I wish them all the luck in the world. I'm sorry England won't be in Argentina, but I'm looking forward to playing them at Wembley. I hope Scotland will maintain the tradition of good football in the World Cup Finals, as I'm sure they will.

● Interview by Roberto Levinstein.

Next Week
GIACINTO
FACCHETTI
Italy

FOCUS ON **LUIZ PEREIRA** Atlético Madrid & Brazil

FULL NAME: Luiz Edmundo Pereira Pereira

BIRTHPLACE: Bahia, Brazil

BIRTHDATE: 21st June, 1949

HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins

WEIGHT: 12st 9lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: São Bento, SE Palmeiras

MARRIED: Yes

CHILDREN: One daughter, Lais

CAR: Seat 1200

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

The boring "concentrations" when the squad has to spend more than a day together before matches

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: I prefer musical programmes

FAVOURITE SINGERS: No one in particular, but I like "young" music

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Clint

Eastwood

BEST FRIEND: That's a tough one.



Pereira in action v. West Germany.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: A lot! Pelé, of course, Beckenbauer, Keegan, Cruyff...

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Everyone! They all try to make my life a misery!

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Bayern Munich, though they aren't the team they were

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Difficult. Perhaps Brazil v West Germany last summer (pictured here)

BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the Spanish Championship with Atlético Madrid last year

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: So far, none. I'm never sad

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Spain, apart from Brazil, of course

FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: My work

Let's say Antonio Velasco, an Atlético fan who always travels with the team

BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Two Brazilians who helped me a lot, Ademir Da Ghia and ex-Brazil manager Oswaldo Brandao

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 36 caps for Brazil

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the World Cup with Brazil

PERSONAL AMBITION: The same! And to live a quiet life

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE? I was a mechanic before I started as a professional footballer, so I think I'd have to go back to that

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Lots. I enjoy meeting people





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EVERTON'S George Wood is certain the Goodison club will finish as runners-up in the First Division this season.

"The only thing that can stop us is a dramatic slump between now and the end of the season."

"If Everton do end second it would mean a great first season for me here at Goodison — followed by getting into Europe. Our manager, Gordon Lee, deserves some success after the Cup disappointments of last season, and also for what he has accomplished in the League for us in the last few months."

"The morale at Everton is good, and it picked up after we had lost our first two games at the start of the term. Since then, we've generally been very consistent and it's important we stay like this."

"Lack of consistency has

"This is the reason I want to do well for Everton — my main ambition in football is for the club to win trophies. Also, I still have a regard for Blackpool, and would like to see them gain promotion next season. They have some fine players, and I think the Mickey Walsh-Bob Hatton partnership is very effective."

Making the transition from Second to First Division did not present any problems for Wood, and he considers there is not a great difference between them.

"As a goalkeeper, I find that where the First Division players are better is in finishing. Once the ball reaches the edge of the penalty-area, chances are snapped up more readily, and mistakes by defenders are punished."

While many players seek relaxation away from football by indulging in golf and other activities, George spends time during the week in helping a friend with a junior team.

"Giving advice to the youngsters really helps in dealing with pressures from the game, and is

something I enjoy doing."

Obviously, the Everton goalkeeper is a man who believes in keeping himself busy — but he also has time to review Scotland's World Cup chances.

"I think Ally McLeod has got an excellent squad together and Scotland should make a strong challenge. Naturally, I'm dis-

pointed at being left out of his World Cup 40, but I haven't given up hope of representing my country in the future. The best way of gaining international recognition is to be part of a successful Everton team. We can start by winning the League title."

"After that, playing for Scotland would be a great bonus."



'A SUCCESSFUL SEASON IF EVERTON FINISH SECOND'

**says keeper
George
Wood**

"I'd never experienced anything like it," George confesses. "On the field, and away from it, the feeling of rivalry between the two teams is always present — yet it is friendly. For a 'derby,' Liverpool and Everton supporters can travel side by side on a bus without there being any trouble."

"At Blackpool, I'd often played in front of crowds of 6,000, so there is quite a difference between Bloomfield Road and Goodison in this respect. Though I have been fortunate in having a happy relationship with the supporters of Blackpool and Everton. And at Bloomfield Road, although fewer in number, the fans are loyal, as they are on Merseyside."

BRAZIL

The team that won the play-off tournament in Cali, Colombia, last year, when Brazil qualified for the World Cup Finals. From left: Rivelino, Leao, Roberto, Paulo, Zico, Maria, Paulo Cesar, Calezzo, Gil, Edinho, Luis Pereira, Rodriguez Neto. Incidentally, Zico was suspended at the time.

SHOOT!





RAY Wilkins has been hoping to win his 12th England cap against Brazil at Wembley next week, but a nagging groin injury may keep him out. This would be a severe blow to Ron Greenwood, who no doubt wants to keep his improving team together as much as possible. The 21-year-old Chelsea captain has faced Brazil once before, in Rio last year when England drew 0-0. It would be interesting to see how our columnist shapes up against Rivelino (whose shirt he is holding here). Even if Ray is forced to miss the Brazil game, England can certainly count on his support amongst the 92,000 sell-out crowd.

OLDHAM'S 'IMPOSSIBLE' DREAM COULD COME TRUE

OLDHAM Athletic in the First Division? The Latics competing with the great Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool teams? If the prospect of this sends you scurrying to check the Second Division table you will not be alone, for even in Oldham itself the football community is only just beginning to warm up to the idea their team can get into the big time.

While other clubs, above and below them in the Second Division, have been getting plenty of publicity about their promotion chances, "dark-horses" Oldham have been easing their way up the table with hardly a murmur. Quiet efficiency is their style . . . and of their team.

Manager Jimmy Frizzell (right), a part-time inside-forward with Greenock Morton was transferred to Oldham in 1960 for £3,500.

Ten years later, after being a caretaker-manager for four months, he started the transformation of the club, and a special relationship with the area.

"I wasn't keen on the place when I came here in 1960 but now I would never reverse the process and go back to Greenock," he says. In his first season he saved the club from applying for re-election to the Fourth Division. The next term they won promotion. In Division Three their steady improvement continued over three years . . . they finished 11th then fourth, then became the Champions and got into the Second Division.

In the Second, Frizzell & co. grafted at their trade — "we bought and sold a few players, we made money and gradually built up from the foundations of our youth policy."

It is no easy task to consolidate in the Second when you are on a shoestring budget but they made it — in 1974/75 they ended up fifth from bottom, in '75/76 they improved one position and last year they finished 13th.

When we spoke to Jimmy Frizzell his team was sixth in the Second Division having played a tremendous 2-2 draw with Bolton Wanderers. The cost of his squad was negligible, only four players were bought, the others came through the youth policy or on free transfer.

"That's my job," he said "to look for pick-up bargains . . . to find players here and there who will do a job for us."

Frizzell's praise for his team



comes quickly to the surface. "Everybody is doing a good job in the team. You can talk about all the good managers and coaches but without players they're nothing.

"My players at the present moment are giving me everything and in the two games against Bolton in particular they were magic. At Bolton, where we lost 1-0, we were the unluckiest side to come away from there without a point. When we played them at home, if we'd been three up at half-time instead of one down, it would have been fair. But the lads fought back twice to get a draw, they were first class, and have been like that nearly all the season."

The reputations of Frizzell's "bargains" speak for themselves. Vic Halom, ex-Sunderland, Steve Taylor a £40,000 transfer from Bolton, John Hurst and Mike Bernard from Everton, Les Chapman from Huddersfield, Paul Edwards from Manchester United and David Holt from Bury. Their blend with Graham Bell, Carl Valentine and Ian Wood and others has created an opportunity for Oldham to step back into the First Division which it left in 1923.

Promotion may not be this season but, if not, their threat will be much greater next term. The tenacity of everyone at the club cannot be overruled.

An impossible dream? You think so? Well, have another look at Frizzell's steady accomplishments and the names of the players in his team. It makes one think and, for the good of the game, it makes one hope.

BOBBY KERR is heading towards a total of 400 League and Cup games for Sunderland, and the experience he has gained prompts him in the belief the Roker club can regain their First Division status next year.

Says Bobby: "Last season we came through with a tremendous finishing burst that almost kept us in the First Division. If we could have repeated that performance during the remaining part of this term, Sunderland could well have made it back at the first attempt."

If the Weariders had won promotion it would have brought a successful conclusion to a period in Kerr's career with Sunderland that has been full of uncertainty for the 31-year-old Scot.

After a dozen loyal seasons at Roker Park, Bobby made a request to be placed on the transfer list. He felt the time had come for a parting of the ways, and the club agreed to his request — but later, Sunderland had second thoughts.

Kerr turned in a brilliant performance in a 5-1 win over Sheffield United in January, which highlighted the fact he still has a lot to offer in the game.

Sunderland manager Jimmy Adamson, who had left out the midfield player early in the season, spoke of Kerr's value to the club and added he didn't want him to leave.

Nor did assistant manager Dave Merrington, who said "Bobby is playing superbly. It is unthinkable to let him go."

So, with Kerr's contract due to end at the end of next season, there is over a year yet to go in which club and player can sort

the Sunderland team which registered a great F.A. Cup Final win over Leeds, the first Second Division club to lift the trophy in 42 years. Bobby proved he has the qualities necessary to motivate his colleagues.

But with Kerr, there has been some disillusionment in the past when he has been relieved of the captaincy — he has lost it to four different players, and felt he was a likely candidate to be dropped if the team had an adverse result.

"Though losing the captaincy was not what really bothered me — I'm satisfied to be playing, and knowing I'm doing all right. What niggled at me was the impression I was the fall-guy if we lost."

Value

But whatever Bobby's feelings about his stature at Roker, the Weariders' fans demonstrated they were in no doubt about his value when he received his testimonial — 25,000 people turned up for it, shortly after the team's Wembley victory. And Kerr was grateful.

He says: "Taking it all round I've enjoyed my career as a one club man even though you realise what some players have made by moving."

As the last surviving member of the Cup-winning team, Bobby Kerr is aware old colleagues of his such as Tony Towers, Jim Montgomery, Dave Watson and Billy Hughes all moved into First Division football.

But maybe Bobby can also do that — by staying with Sunderland. It's what Wearside supporters would like.

Why Sunderland are glad Bobby Kerr stayed

things out to their mutual satisfaction. Meanwhile, Bobby will be concentrating as much as ever at giving his usual 100 per cent effort on the field.

And in assessing Sunderland's failure so far to live up to their early-season hopes, he emphasises the team's form has sometimes been unpredictable.

"On occasions, we've looked really promising. There have been matches when we were leading up to near the end, then we've given away silly points. We've got to ensure we don't slip up next season. With more determination I'm sure Sunderland will return to the big League."

It was during a period when the side's confidence was low Kerr was re-instated, to give guidance and leadership to the younger players. Previously, as skipper of



WORLD CUP '78

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All change

THE Soviet authorities have decided to fall in line with the other major European countries by playing their season from autumn to spring.

From 1980/81 the Russians will play through the winter — with probably a break mid-way. Indoor stadiums are being built in the coldest areas while other grounds are having under-soil heating installed.

WHAT THE FANS EXPECT

URUGUAY captain Fernando Morena had some interesting things to say after his country's recent friendly against Argentina.

Cesar Luis Menotti (right), manager of the World Cup hosts, is under tremendous pressure from the Press unless his side plays a "blinder" each time.

Morena said: "This was only a trial game for Argentina, and Uruguay cer-

tainly weren't going to make it easy for them."

"In South America, the Press and fans only want to see the best team in every game and expect Championship-winning football all the time. How can a side experiment under these circumstances? In Europe, people have a different, more understanding, viewpoint."

● Argentina beat Bulgaria 3-1 recently.

Pele believes Scotland and Holland will qualify from their World Cup group.



WORLD CUP SETBACK FOR HOLLAND STAR



WIM Suurbier (left), right-back of Holland, is preparing for the World Cup Finals by simply training with Schalke 04, his West German club.

Suurbier, 32, joined Schalke earlier this season, but has yet to claim a regular place — and although he has still played for his country, an international star needs competitive first team football to keep his edge. In Germany, there are no reserve sides as we know them, so "fringe" players just train ... and train.

The Dutch defender wasn't reckoned to be 100 per cent fit when he arrived in Gelsenkirchen, where Schalke play, and failed to impress during his early games in the Bundesliga.

Suurbier has also been a victim of the ruling that allows only two foreigners to play in the team at

the same time. Yugoslav goalkeeper Enver Maric has been in superb form and can't be dropped. An injury to Erwin Kremer in midfield meant the Dane, Lennart Larsson, had to play ... making two foreigners.

Schalke fans have sympathy for the likeable Suurbier, who was bought by former team-boss Osterreicher, under pressure to bring a superstar to the club, just as Hamburger SV did with Kevin Keegan.

Suurbier faces a battle for his place in the side as Schalke's young defenders have shown up well in the German Under-18 team.

Holland will no doubt take Suurbier to Argentina, but manager Ernst Happel will obviously be looking closely at the player's form during May's warm-up matches.

● Last week I carried a story about Günter Siebert, the former Schalke 04 president who found himself broke and on the dole after a series of boardroom clashes.

Things are looking up again for Siebert who was surprisingly re-elected as president — but, as presidents receive no payment, he's still on the dole. Siebert's first job was to fire Schalke's team-manager Emil Osterreicher (See lead story).

NIGHTMARE JOURNEY

SPAIN'S Cup-Winners' Cup representatives, Real Betis, are livid about their elimination by Dynamo Moscow.

"The Russians did everything they could to disrupt our journey," complains manager Rafa Iriondo. "We arrived in Moscow after midnight, and they held us up for an hour and a half at the airport. Then they made us get on and off four different coaches to go to the hotel.

"At the hotel they refused to give us anything to eat. We got to bed after 2 a.m. and they woke us at six by switching on the radio in all the rooms. Naturally the players faded badly in the second-half and the Russians took full advantage."

South American newspapers are asking why Holland have been so worried about the security in Argentina. The papers point out: "They (Holland) should be used to terrorists as they, too, have their problems."

Former Luxembourg sweeper Louis Pilot, who played against England in the World Cup, has accepted the post of national team-manager after earlier refusing it. He succeeds Gilbert Legrand who died of a heart-attack recently.

CARLOS BABINGTON, the Argentina midfield star who was outstanding during the 1974 World Cup Finals, may be leaving his West German Second Division club to return home. Wattenscheid have been contacted by Independiente of Buenos Aires, but the fee — £125,000 — may be too much for the Argentinian club.

ENGLAND have met West Germany 17 times and their recent 2-1 defeat in Munich was only the Germans' fourth victory. The first German win was a friendly at Hanover in 1968, followed by 3-2 in Mexico and 3-1 at Wembley in the 1972 European Championship.

The recent Munich game had one strange twist: it was the first time ever the Germans had beaten England without Franz Beckenbauer.

British stars wanted

IN BARCELONA, the forthcoming election of a new club president is creating a furore that British fans would find hard to understand. But it's interesting to note one candidate would sign Paul Mariner from Ipswich; another would sign Trevor Francis from Birmingham; and a third would try to do an exchange deal with Hamburg, swooping Johan Neeskens for Kevin Keegan.

● Alarming news from Argentina. The grass in the River Plate stadium, where the World Cup Final will be played, has been scraped off and the pitch is to be completely resurfaced. Poor drainage and high soil acidity are to blame.

FAT BRAZILIANS

● Contrary to the light meal British players have before a match, Brazilian footballers eat well. A typical pre-match menu is: chicken soup with rice, grilled steak with mashed potatoes, fruit or cheese with mineral water for all.

After games, the players have grilled chicken with rice.

The national squad have a special "fat boys" table for players who are slightly overweight!

In Argentina, Brazil will have the same chef as they did in 1970 and 1974 — Mario.

TONINHO CEREZO has won the Golden Ball for being the most outstanding player of the Brazilian Championship. In a points out of ten per game poll, he averaged 8.56 with Reinaldo second on 8.52. Both players could line-up against England at Wembley on April 19th ... and both play for Atletico.

SPANISH World Cup referee Franco Martinez narrowly escaped injury after a recent training session at Murcia's La Condomina stadium. Part of the stadium is being rebuilt, and Franco Martinez had just stepped out of the shower when the roof fell in!

He was last seen showing a red card to a bulldozer driver ...

BRAZIL'S HOME

BRAZIL will stay at the Villa Marista during the World Cup, which is about 15 miles from the Mar del Plata stadium. It is a huge house in the middle of a 135,000 square metres complex of parks and football pitches. The living accommodation is just being finished and has 27 rooms, a large living room and what the Brazil cook calls "the largest kitchen I've ever seen."

The villa will be used by Argentina during their preparations.

GERMANS' "CERTS"

● Apparently West Germany manager Helmut Schön has pencilled in ten "certs" for the World Cup Finals. The players (with ages and caps) are: Sepp Maier (34/81), Bertie Vogts (31/89), Rolf Russmann (27/10), Manfred Kaltz (25/13), Bernhard Dietz (29/22), Rainer Bonhof (24/31), Heinz Flohé (30/34), Rüdiger Abramczik (22/10), Klaus Fischer (28/10) and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (22/10). Picture shows Bonhof, Holzenbein, Dietz, Beer and Russmann.



RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

(Sixth Round)

(continued)

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Mehmet)
IPSWICH (1) 6 (Burley, Mariner 3, Wark, Talbot) 22,082
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Walker, Kitchener, Hazell, Pearson, Chambers, Hamilton, Lee, Cross (Mehmet).
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Osborne (Lambert), Wark, Mariner, Turner, Woods.
W.B.A. (1) 2 (Martin, Regis)
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 38,000
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Brown (A), Regis, Trewick, Johnston.
 Nottm F: Shilton; Bowyer, Clark, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

WREXHAM (0) 2 (McNeil, Sutton)
ARSENAL (1) 3 (Macdonald, Sunderland, Young) 25,500
 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Stapleton, Hudson.

FIRST DIVISION

BRISTOL C (0) 0
EVERTON (1) 1 (Ross) 25,986
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Whitehead (Gilles).
 Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Kenyon, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie (Telfer), Thomas.

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Nardiello)
LEICESTER (0) 0 24,421
 Coventry: Blyth; Roberts, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Nardiello, Wallace, Ferguson (Beck), Powell, Hutchison.
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rose, Williams, Sims, Woollett, Weller (Webb), Hughes, Christie, Salmon, Kelly.

DERBY (0) 1 (Daniel)
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Walker) 21,504
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Powell, McFarland (Bartlett), Daniel, Curran, Daly, Mason, George, Crawford.
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Finnieston, Wilkins (R), Langley, Lewington, Walker

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Dalglish)
LEEDS (0) 0 48,233
 Liverpool: Ogrizovic; Neal, Smith, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, Souness, Fairclough.
 Leeds: Harvey; Stevenson, Hampton (Parker), Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Gray (F), Hankin, Currie, Clarke, Graham.

NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (McGhee, Burns pen.)
MAN. UTD. (2) 2 (Jordan, Hill) 25,898
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Kelly, Kennedy, Nutrass, Bird, Blackley, Barrowclough (Parkinson), Burns, Larnach, McGhee, Walker.
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Greenhoff (B), Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, Hill.

NORWICH (1) 2 (Reeves, Ryan pen.)
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Gregory) 19,031
 Norwich: Hansbury; Ryan, Sullivan, McGuire, Jones, Powell, Robson, Suggett, Reeves, Paddon, Peters.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Little, Deehan, Evans (Gregory), Carroos.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Hales)
WOLVES (0) 2 (Rafferty, Carr) 23,525
 West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell (Otulakowski), Lampard, Curbishley, Taylor (T), Bonds, Devonshire, Holland, Cross, Brooking, Hales.
 Wolves: Parkes; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlie, Brazier, Carr, Richards, Rafferty, Patching (Daly).

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 0
BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Randall) 11,780
 Blackburn: Butcher, Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Keeley, Brotherton (Lewis), Taylor, Radford, Parkes, Wagstaffe.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince, Gould, Pulis, Randall, Barry, Powell.

BLACKPOOL (2) 3 (Tong, Chandler, Ainscow)
HULL (0) 0 6,220
 Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Milligan, Ronson, McEwan, Sudaby (Wilson), Ainscow, Tong, Walsh, Chandler, Waldron.
 Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries (Sunley), Bremer, Dobson, Roberts, Nisbet, Haigh, Warboys, Hawley, Galvin.

BRIGHTON (2) 2 (Potts, Sayer)
STOKE (0) 1 (Richardson) 24,797
 Brighton: Steele; Clark, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrence, Potts, Ward (Poskett), Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Richardson, Busby (O'Callaghan), Crooks, Conroy.

BURNLEY (0) 4 (Cochrane 2, Noble pen., Ingham)
SHEFF. UTD. (1) 1 (Stainrod) 11,756
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Colquhoun, Keeler, Woodward, Flynn, Campbell, Stainrod, Edwards.

MANSFIELD (0) 0
BOLTON (0) 1 (Ritson) 12,329
 Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B), Saxby, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett, Hodgson, Martin (Phillips).
 Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Dunne (Graham), Greaves, Jones (P), Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Reid, Worthington.

NOTTS CO. (0) 3 (Vinter 2, Carter pen.)
OLDHAM (0) 2 (Young, Chapman) 8,916
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Carter, Vinter, Bradd, McVay, Mann (Sims).
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Bray, Bell (Young), Holt, Hicks, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Chapman, Gardner.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Funnell 2)
C. PALACE (0) 0 22,480
 Southampton: Wells; Andruszewski, Peach, Williams, Waldrion, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Sealy (Funnell).
 C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (Murphy), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Nicholas, Swindleshurst, Fenwick, Hilaire, Walsh, Silkman.

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Hoddle pen., Pratt)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Robinson) 34,511
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Jones, Lee, Taylor.
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Tydeman, Skipperley, Dugdale, Powell, Brisley, Peacock, Robinson, McAuley.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C. (2) 2 (Johnson, McNiven)
CARLISLE (2) 2 (McCartney, MacDonald) 6,389
 Bradford: Downsbrough; Podd, Wood, Hardcastle, Baines, Middleton, Dolan, Johnson, McNiven, Wright, Hutchins (Cooke).
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Carr, Collins, MacDonald, McCartney, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman (Clarke), Tait, Kemp, Hamilton.

BURY 0
PORTRSMOUTH 0 4,700
 Bury: Forrest; Hatton, Kennedy, Thomson, Bailey, Robins, Stanton, Suddick, Rowland, Johnson (Wilson), McIlwraith.
 Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Taylor, Denyer, Cahill, Ellis, Lathan, Garwood, Pullar, Mellows, McCaffrey.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Finney, Watson)
HEREFORD (0) 0 6,252
 Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Watson, Cozens, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney (Buckley), Biley.
 Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Shieady, Stephens (Holmes), Marshall, Crompton, Barton, Spiring.

CHESTER (1) 2 (Oakes, Crossley)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Finney) 3,421
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Nickeas Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Edwards (Jones), Mellor, Phillips.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Bielby pen.)
SOUTHEND (0) 0 2,886
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G), Creamer, McMordie, Newton, Foggon, Bielby.
 Southend: Freeman; Young, Yates, Laverick, Hadley (Franklyn), Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Polycarpou.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Sidebottom, Butler)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Young) 4,481
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Sidebottom, Butler, Hart, Eccles, Johnson, Gray.
 Darlington: Burleigh; Cochrane, Hague, Crosson, Stone, Craig, Maitland, Lyons, Ferguson (Wann), Seal, Young.

NORTHAMPTON 0
CREWE 0 2,842
 Northampton: Jayes; Gedimintis, Mead, Liddle (Bryant), Robertson, Best, Farrington, McGowan, Hall, Reilly, Christie.
 Crewe: Cudginton; Bevan, Rimmer, Lugg, Roberts, Purdie, McGinley, Davies (D), Spence, Davies (W), Tully (Cheetham).

READING (0) 1 (Kearns)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 3,410
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Nelson, Kearney, Kearns, Cumming, Davies.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, O'Donnell, Keeley, Lumb, Wigg (Pilling).

SOUTHPORT (0) 1 (Howarth)
BRENTFORD (1) 3 (Phillips 2, McCulloch) 1,687
 Southport: Cumbers; Higham, Snookes, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Howarth, Gay, Kisby.
 Brentford: Bond; Salmon, Tucker, Shrub, Kruse, Graham (W), Carlton, Graham (J), Allard, McCulloch, Phillips.

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Twitchin, Brown)
HALIFAX (0) 2 (Carroll, Mountford) 2,948
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Green, Darke (Boulton), Tomlin, Cooper, Dunne, Brown, Coffill.
 Halifax: Leonard; Trainer, Loska, Johnston, Burke, Dunleavy, Firth, Carroll, Mountford, Flavell, Bradley.

WATFORD (1) 1 (Downes)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0 12,410
 Watford: Rankin; Bolton, Pritchett, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Jenkins, Joslyn, Pollard (Blissett).
 Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Howitt, Bell (Needham), Dungworth, Cotton.

WIMBLEDON (1) 3 (Connell, Cork, Leslie)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Miller) 2,834
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Bradley, Briley, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Connell, Cork, Parsons.
 Bournemouth: Baker; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown, Finnigan (Borthwick), Patterson, Showers, Shanahan, Lennard, Riley.

YORK (0) 2 (Staniforth 2 pens.)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Curtis) 1,964
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki (Randall), Young, Hope, McDonald, Staniforth.
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, Bruton, Bartley, James (A) (Moore, K), James (R), Curtis, Toshack, Charles.

SCOTTISH CUP

(Fifth Round)

ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Davidson, Jarvie)
MORTON (0) 2 (Ritchie, Goldthorpe) 18,000
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLellan, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Sullivan, Gibson (Fleming), Davidson, Jarvie.
 Morton: Connachan; Lynch, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, Veitch (Mitchell), McNeil, Brown (Thomas), Evans, Goldthorpe, Ritchie.

DUNDEE UTD. (1) 2 (Addison, Sturrock pen.)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 5,841
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rennie, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey (Rolland), Sturrock, Addison, Bourke, Kirkwood, Payne.
 Queen's Park: Gillespie; Aitken (Edgar), Dickson, Rooney, Mackie, McAlloon, Wood, Glavin, Horn (McSkimming), Donnelly, Wilkie.

PARTICK (1) 2 (Sommer 2)
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Fyfe pen.) 7,800



Ipswich striker Paul Mariner scored a hat-trick in their 6-1 F.A. Cup win at Millwall

Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Campbell, Anderson, Marr, Houston, Gibson, Somner, Melrose (O'Hara), Craig (McQuade). Dumbarton: Williams, Watt, McNeill, McLeod (A), Muir, McLeod (M), Brown, Fyfe, Blair, Gallacher, Whiteford.

RANGERS (2) 4 (Johnstone, Hamilton, MacDonald, Cooper pen.)

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (McCulloch) 25,000
Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, McDonald, McLean, Hamilton, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

Kilmarnock: Stewart, Robertson, Jardine, Clarke, McDicken, Provan (Docherty), McDowell (Murdoch), Stein, Maxwell, McCulloch.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

CELTIC (3) 3 (Edvaldsson, Glavin, McCluskey) 15,000
AYR (0) 0

Celtic: Latchford; Snedden, Dowie, Munro, McDonald, Aitken, Glavin, Edvaldsson, McCluskey, McAdam, Burns.

Ayr: Sproat; Wells, Cramond (McDonald), Fleming, Hyslop, Sim, Walker (McCutcheon), MacLaughlin, McCall, McSherry, Christie.

GLYDEBANK (0) 0

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (McLaren, Davidson) 1,500
Glydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Colgan, Fallon, McCormick, Houston, O'Brien, Fanning (Lumsden), Millar, McColl, Ronald.

Motherwell: Rennie, Watson, Wark, Miller, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Davidson, McLaren.

HIBS (2) 5 (Brazil, Higgins, Hutchinson 2, McCleod pen.)

ST MIRRIN (0) 1 (Abercrombie) 6,000
Hibs: McDonald, Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Brazil, Higgins.

St Mirren: Hunter, Docherty, Beckett, Fitzpatrick (Richardson), McAveety, Copland, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Bone, Munro, Gorraance (Stark).

MONDAY, MARCH 13

THIRD DIVISION

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Perrin)
LINCOLN (1) 2 (Wigginton, Harding) 5,208
Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Bason (Johnson), Foster, James, Megson, Taylor, Perrin, Horswill, Fear.

Lincoln: Grotter, Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wiggin, Cooper, Jones, Graham, Harford, Hubbard, Harding.

Postponed: Southport v Reading.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

F.A. CUP (Sixth Round replay)

ORIENT (2) 2 (Kitchen, Mayo)
MIDDLEBROOK (0) 1 (Armstrong) 18,051

Orient: Jackson, Fisher, Roffey, Greasham, Hoadley, Roeder, Godfrey, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Payne.

Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, McAndrew, Ashcroft, Cummins (Johnston), Armstrong

FIRST DIVISION

NOTTM FOREST (1) 1 (Robertson pen.)

LEICESTER (0) 0 32,355

Nottingham: Shilton, Anderson, Clark, O'Hare, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Bowyer, Woodcock, Robertson.

Leicester: Wallington, Whitworth, Rofe, Kelly, Sims (Davies), Webb, Weller, Hughes, Christie, Salmons, Williams

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Cunningham)

WEST HAM (0) 0 20,394

Q.P.R.: Parkes, Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Shanks, Busby, James (McGee), Bowles, Givens.

West Ham: Ferguson, McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor, Curbishley, Devonshire, Holland, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

WOLVES (0) 1 (Daley)

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Trewick) 29,757

Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Daly, Daley, Hazel, McAlle, Brazier, Carr, Richards, Rafferty, Patching.

W.B.A.: Godden, Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Cunningham, Regis, Trewick, Johnston.

SECOND DIVISION

BURNLEY (1) 2 (Fletcher, Kindon)

MANSFIELD (0) 0

Burnley: Stevenson, Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.

Mansfield: Arnold, Curtis, Foster (B), Foster (C), Saxby, Wood, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett (Aston), Hodgson, Martin.

SHEFF UTD (0) 1 (Franks)

STOKE (1) 2 (Kendall, Crooks) 12,950

Sheffield: Brown, Cutbush, Calvert, Flynn, Colquhoun (Guy), Franks, Speight, Stainrod, Campbell, Kenworthy, Edwards.

Stoke: Jones, Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Richardson, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Cook.

SUNDERLAND 0

C. PALACE 0

Sunderland: Siddall, Henderson, Gilbert, Kerr, Clarke, Docherty, Ashurst, Elliott, Brown (Armstrong), Lee, Rowell.

Palace: Burns, Hinshelwood, Sansom, Fenwick, Cannon, Nicholas, Holder, Graham, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Murphy (Silkman).

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C (0) 2 (Baines, Johnson)

TRANMERE (0) 0

Bradford: Downsborough, Podd, Wood, Johnson, Baines, Middleton, Hardcastle, Dolan, Wright, McNiven, Hutchins.

Tranmere: Johnson, Mathias, Cliff, Parry, Bramhall, Evans, Peplow (James), Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

BURY (0) 0

WALSALL (1) 1 (Dennehy) 3,695

Bury: Forrest, Thomson, Kennedy, Hatton, Bailey, Wilson, Stanton, Suddick, Rowland, Robins, McIlwraith.

Walsall: Kearns, Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Birch, Dennehy (Austin), Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Camp)

COLCHESTER (0) 0

Peterborough: Waugh, Hindley, Hughes, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Camp, Sergeant (Oakes), Anderson.

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Evans, Bunkell, Allinson.

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Finney pen.)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0

Rotherham: McAlister, Pugh, Breckin, Rhodes, Forrest, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Nix.

Cambridge: Webster, Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Watson, Cozens, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Sweetzer.

SWINDON (0) 1 (Moss)

WREXHAM (2) 2 (Lyons 2)

Swindon: Allan, McLaughlin, Ford, Stroud, Carter, Prophett, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie, McHale, Bates.

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Griffiths, Lyons, Cartwright.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Butler)

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Brown)

Bournemouth: Baker, Butler, Miller, Impey, Brown, Borthwick, Paterson, Showers, Finnigan, Lennard, Riley.

Torquay: Wake, Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Green, Darke, Tomlin, Cooper, Dunne, Brown, Coffill.

HARTEPOOL (1) 4 (Smith G., Newton, Ayre, Gibb)

YORK (1) 2 (Randall, Staniforth) 3,446

Hartlepool: Edgar, Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G), Creamer, McMordie, Newton, Foggon, Biley.

York: Brown, Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Randall, Young, Hope (Novacki), McDonald, Staniforth.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Gray)

WATFORD (0) 0

Huddersfield: Starling, Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Sidebottom (Goldthorpe), Butler, Hart, Eccles, Johnson, Gray.

Watford: Rankin, Bolton, Pritchett, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Mayes, Jenkins, Joslyn, Pollard (Blissett).

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Farrington)

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Mountford, Bell) 2,278

Northampton: Jayes, Geidmintis, Mead (Martin), Best, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Liddle, Hall, Reilly, Christie.

FIRST DIVISION



John Margesson scored Fulham's goal in a 1-1 away draw against Orient

NORWICH 0

EVERTON 0

19,502

Norwich: Hansbury, Ryan, Sullivan, McGuire, Jones, Powell, Robson, Suggett, Reeves, Paddon, Peters.

Everton: Wood, Jones (D), Pejic, Lyons, Daracott, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 4 (Hird 2 pens, Metcalfe, Radford)

FULHAM (0) 0

8,499

Blackburn: Butcher, Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Waddington, Brotherton, Radford, Wagstaffe (Lewis), Parkes, Taylor.

Fulham: Peyton, Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Murray, Mahoney, Gale, Mitchell, Evans, Margesson.

SCOTTISH CUP (Fifth Round replay)

MORTON (1) 1 (McNeil)

ABERDEEN (2) 2 (McMaster pen., Fleming)

10,000

Morton: Connaghan, Lynch (Mitchell), Holmes, Anderson, Orr, Veitch (Thomas), McNeil, Brown, Evans, Goldthorpe, Ritchie.

Aberdeen: Clark, Kennedy, McLellan, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Sullivan, Fleming, Davidson, Jarvie.

PREMIER DIVISION

AYR (0) 1 (McCall)

PARTICK (1) 3 (O'Hara, Houston, Somner) 3,050

Ayr: Sproat, Wells, Connor, Fleming, Hyslop, Hannah, Walker, McCall, Masterton, McCulloch, Cramond (McLaughlin).

Partick: Rough, Mackie (McAdam), Whitaker, Campbell, Marr, Anderson, Houston, Gibson, O'Hara, Somner, McQuade.

MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (Stevens, Davidson)

HIBS (2) 4 (Bremner, Murray, McLeod 2) 4,536

Motherwell: Rennie, Watson, Wark, Miller, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Davidson, McLaren.

Hibs: McDonald, Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Brazil, Higgins.

ST MIRRIN (1) 1 (Copland)

DUNDEE UTD (1) 2 (Holt, Fleming) 5,000

St Mirren: McCulloch, Docherty (Munro), Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, McGarvey, Abercrombie (Hyslop), Bone, Richardson, Munro.

Dundee U: McAlpine, Rennie, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Forsyth, Sturrock, Addison, Bourke (Payne), Holt, Wallace.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

SECOND DIVISION

CHARLTON 0

NOTTS CO 0 5,856

Charlton: Wood, Berry, Warman, Tydeman, Shipperley, Dugdale, Powell, Gritt, Robinson, Peacock, Brisley.

Notts Co: McManus, Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Benjamin, Hunt, Carter, McVay, Bradd (Sims), Birchenall, Vinter.

ORIENT (0) 1 (Kitchen)

FULHAM (0) 1 (Margesson) 7,928

Orient: Jackson, Fisher, Roffey, Greasham, Hoadley, Roeder, Godfrey (Clarke), Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Payne.

Fulham: Peyton, Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Money, Mahoney, Gale, Mitchell, Evans, Margesson.

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Allinson, Wignall)

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Streete) 5,260

Colchester: Walker, Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Evans, Bunkell, Allinson.

Cambridge: Webster, Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Watson, Buckley, Spriggs, Streete (Cozens), Finney, Sweetzer.

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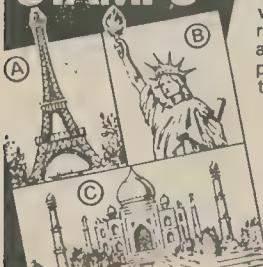
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'I MUST IMPROVE MY GOALSCORING RATE'

— JOHN RICHARDS, (Wolves)

LAST SEASON, Wolves were directly involved in top-of-the-table issues in the Second Division and full of high hopes when they were promoted. But their talented striker and England international John Richards admits the 1977-8 term has been something of a disaster for the Molineux club.

"I'm disappointed we are not more highly-placed in the League," says John. "Even in the Second Division, I believed we were a First Division outfit, and still do — but now we must do everything to hang on to a place in the First and prepare to do better next season.

"For my part, I'm not satisfied with my rate of goalscoring and want to improve on it by the end of the season. And although some people hold the opinion it takes time to get used to a Division following promotion, I look at Nottingham Forest and reckon they had no trouble at all in adjusting to the higher grade.

"Oddly enough, it was Wolves who finished in first place in Division Two last season, with 57 points, Chelsea second with 55, and Forest third with 52. And a year ago, I didn't rate Forest as a particularly good side.

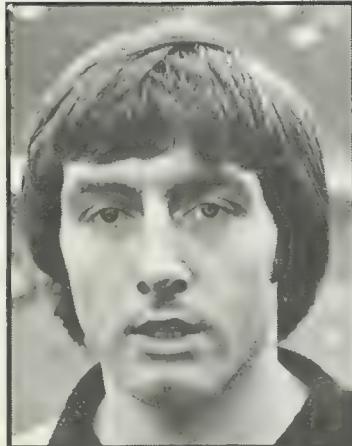
"But during the last few months, they have surprised me, and their form against us convinced me Forest deserve to be at the top. They play very good football.

"And Wolves, too, on certain occasions, have proved they can hold their own with the best. This was when we beat Manchester City at Maine Road, drew with Everton at Goodison, and lost narrowly against Liverpool away."

But in spite of creditable performances by Wolves against leading sides, they have often disappointed in other matches, while they have striven for the right blend in attack.

Richards explains: "As we play four men in midfield and two up-front, the emphasis has been on the two forwards to form an effective spearhead. So various experiments have been made, not always successfully, but we improved after Bill Rafferty was bought from Carlisle.

"In his opening games, Bill settled in quickly and his height of six feet makes him dangerous around the goal area. He struck up a great



partnership with Paul Mariner at Plymouth, and there is every incentive for Bill to come off with Wolves.

"Previously, among other clubs, he was also with Coventry, where his total of 20 games was probably not enough to prove himself. Then after he and Paul Mariner left Plymouth, there was a contrast in their fortunes, with Paul operating in the First Division, and Bill in the Third.

"Now Bill finds himself with Wolves at a stage when he may have thought the First Division was out of his grasp, and I feel his inclusion in our front line will continue to work out well for us."

Certainly, John looks for an upswing in Wolves' fortunes, and more success for himself, following one of the highlights of his career at the end of last season.

"We were at home to Chelsea in a game which we were losing 1-0 with eight minutes to go. Then we got a corner, the ball came to me, and I put it into the net for the equaliser and the point we needed to clinch promotion."

The hunger to get goals has always been with Richards, ever since he scored 42 as a teenager to break his local Grammar School record.

Says John: "My choice of position has always been up-front, where I could score goals — and my present ambition is to net as many as I can for Wolves during the remainder of the season and help them avoid relegation."

A LOT OF people thought Phil Boyer crazy at the start of the season when he turned down a move to Queens Park Rangers to join Second Division Southampton.

Now the ex-Norwich forward looks a shrewd judge. While Rangers are struggling to hang on to their First Division place, Saints are pushing hard for promotion and may even replace the London club in the top flight next season.

Not that Boyer was worried about the prospect of relegation when he refused the Loftus Road club. He simply wasn't interested in moving to London, even though Arsenal also wanted to sign him.

"Moving down a Division didn't

out to do their job and know exactly how they're going to do it.

"They were very lucky to get away with a 2-2 draw at our place. We were 2-0 up and played much the better football. Still, give them credit for fighting back."

Southampton have managed to improve their away results this season by employing a sweeper to tighten things up at the back but Boyer is happy this hasn't stifled their attacking instincts.

They lost one of their most talented players, of course, when Peter Osgood took off to America to join Philadelphia Fury. He'd been playing extremely well in midfield, yet Saints have managed to maintain their challenge at the

'WE OUGHT TO HOLD CHALLENGERS OFF'

— PHIL BOYER, (Southampton)

worry me because I could see straight away Southampton were a go-ahead club and the manager impressed me.

"I'd lived down in that part of the world when I was at Bournemouth, and I always liked it so it was ideal in all respects."

A move to The Dell also meant teaming up with his old striking pal Ted MacDougall once again, which was an added incentive.

"Ted and I have always fitted well together because we complement each other. We do different things.

"I like to go out on the wings more, while he prefers to stay in the middle and get into the box. I know Ted got fed up earlier in the season and said he was thinking of quitting but he seems to be over that now.

"He's enjoying his football again and so are the rest of the team. The way we are playing, we ought to feel happy."

Southampton made a quiet start to the season but have been closing the ground on the leaders with rapid strides over the past few months and Boyer feels they should now clinch promotion.

"From the position we're in, I'll be very disappointed and annoyed if we don't make it. It's down to all of us to make sure we force home our advantage.

"Brighton and a few other clubs are still hanging in there, but we ought to hold challengers off. Everyone has been saying for most of the season Bolton and Spurs are certain to go up with the rest of us left to fight for the other place. But there's not much in it at the top so I don't think anyone can count their chickens."

"Spurs are much the more attractive side of the two. Bolton are more methodical — they set



top since his departure.

The side are particularly strong in midfield, anyway. "Alan Ball keeps playing well and Steve Williams has been impressive, too. Mind you, we haven't had many players turning in sub-standard performances.

"We could have suffered after Osgood's departure, but the manager has brought in one or two promising youngsters. When the team is going well, it's easier for them to show what they can do."

Boyer and his striking partner MacDougall have been on this journey before, of course. They came out of the Second Division with Norwich in 1974-75, scoring 33 League goals between them.

Now they look set to return to Division One with Southampton, who have been trying for so long to get back. It's ironic they finally look like doing it in the season they finally got down to selling England striker Mike Channon.

Boyer, his replacement, is delighted to find himself in such a successful side and says: "Getting promotion will round off a marvellous first season."

Which team do you support? Liverpool, Scotland, Manchester City, Celtic, Rangers, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Blackpool, Bristol City, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Cardiff City, Chelsea, Derby County, Everton, Heart of Midlothian, Stoke City, St Mirren, Sunderland, Partick Thistle, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers? □ Show your allegiance! Sport the jerseys the players themselves wear - Umbro International. □ Umbro official team jerseys come in each team's correct colours and styles and feature embroidered authentic team badges. □ To be absolutely sure you're buying the real thing, look for the Umbro diamond trade mark. It's your guarantee of quality and genuine authenticity. Accept no substitute. Beware of imitations! □ As well as jerseys, you can also get team shorts and hose - and for many teams, both home and away strip and team track suits too. □ Wear your team's jersey or kit on match day - or every day. Umbro official team jerseys and kit are obtainable from good sports outfitters and club souvenir shops.

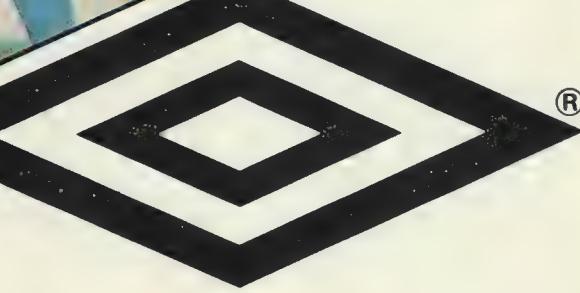
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BORN: DIPLOMA: 1970, B.Sc. (Hons), B.A.

BIRTHDAY: 13 April 1948

EDUCATION: High

WEIGHT: 79 kg

PROFESSIONAL CLUB: None

MARRIED: Yes

CHILDREN: One boy nearly four

CAREER: Ipswich Town, Spain

FAVOURITE TEAMS: Spain, Brazil

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool

United, Juventus, AC Milan

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

Real Madrid

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Beating Liverpool in E.A. Cup

Quarter-final 3-2, after three replays

in 1974-75

BIGGEST TRICKS: Being picked for

the team

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Being sent off in 1974-75 by the referee

GOAL:

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America

FAVOURITE FOOD: A good piece of

beef or lamb

FAVOURITE LEISURE ACTIVITY:

Relaxing

FAVOURITE TELEVISION SHOW:

Bill Cosby and James Cagney

FAVOURITE SINGER: Rod Stewart

2nd: Stevie Wonder

FAVOURITE ACTION ACTRESS:

Patricia Heaton

FAVOURITE QUOTE:

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON

CAREER: Bill McGarry, his father

Other than that, the Dennis' dad

BIGGEST DREAM IN SOCCER:

Travelling

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

Capped against Wales, England, in

the 1975 G.S.C.A.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To win

more caps

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be

an international footballer

GOAL:

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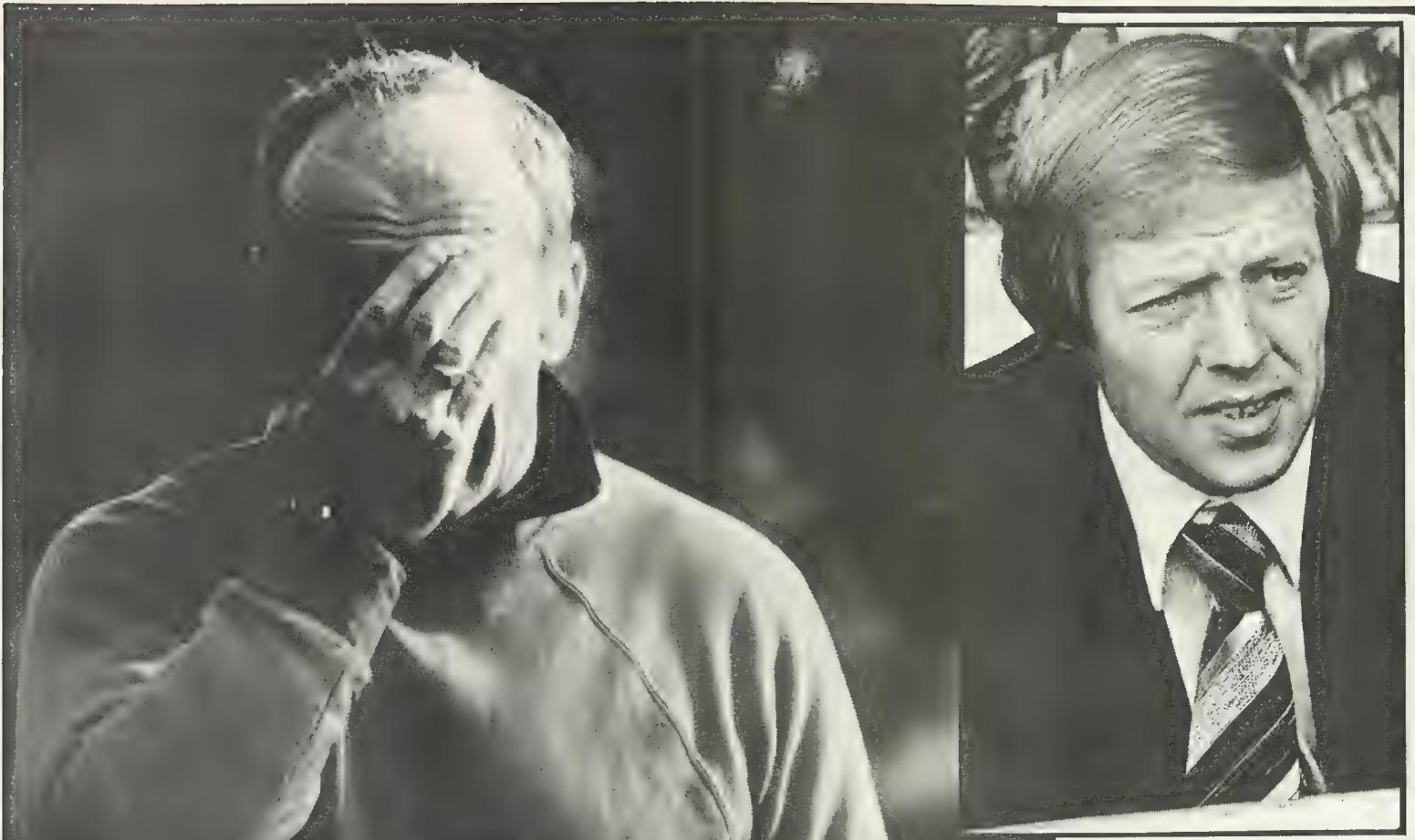
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD

WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO

MEET? South African cricketer

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WHO WOULD BE A MANAGER?

It's often said a manager's job is the loneliest in soccer and certainly football bosses face a lot of strain. Left, we see Aston Villa's Ron Saunders — his club have had an indifferent season and there has been speculation about his future. Above, is Chelsea's Ken Sheilito, the only manager in Division One who can't buy a player because of his club's massive debts . . . yet he's done a fine job against the odds. Below, is the worried face of Frank McLintock, who tasted so much success as a player, but whose Leicester City are bound for Division Two.



YOU are a young manager — just 30. Your team has forgotten the glory days and is in a nasty position that could turn relegation into something more than just a bad dream. There are those who would jump on their bikes and race away to a comfortable corner where security went with the nice armchair.

Not Frank Sibley. The Queens Park Rangers boss even turned down a contract offered by his chairman after yet another home defeat — to Wolves — and yet another loud chorus from the so-called fans demanding his head on a removal truck.

Just listen to Sibley. "It could be described as a marvellous gesture at a bad time, but I said 'No.' If we stay in the First Division that's another matter. I can then say I've earned it."

And what about the fans who are handing out more verbal stick

Everton, for £200,000, David Webb (£50,000) and Eddie Kelly (£45,000) to Leicester, Don Masson to Derby in a £195,000 part-exchange deal that brought Leighton James to Shepherds Bush, and Dave Needham to Nottingham Forest for £145,000.

Martyn Busby came back to Rangers for £90,000 from Notts County, Ernie Howe replaced Needham in a £50,000 move from Fulham, Brian Williams was signed from Bury for £50,000 and Paul McGee came from Ireland for £15,000.

What about moves for players such as Graeme Souness, Dennis Tueart and Roger Davies? Says Frank: "I took over just at the start of pre-season training. I honestly believe changes should have been made at the end of the previous season. But when we inquired about top players there was either nothing doing because clubs were

Latchford knows how much he owes Dave for helping him to get goals.

"We needed width in attack and when Don Masson went to Derby we got Leighton James who is a natural winger.

"Believe me our players are working hard and they realise that since too many other clubs had got our style of play taped we needed to change things. Don't forget when you think about Webb and Masson you are talking about players around the 31-32 age bracket. Age is unimportant if players are playing to their peak but otherwise it gets very important.

"Our reserve team has done well and so has the youth team. That's proof of a fair future. It shows we are bringing up the kids in the right way and we are moving towards a younger and stronger squad.

"Other managers have said nice things about us. Bobby Robson

told me he couldn't believe we were near the bottom. Gordon Milne at Coventry praised us, too, but I believe the importance of getting points is getting them the right way.

"My attitude has got to be right, too. If I couldn't do the job for Q.P.R. I wouldn't move to do it — or try to do it — for anyone else. I have had only one club. I came here as a kid 15 years ago and I had to give up playing at 23 because of a bad injury.

"I've had the chance to move but I've turned it down. I'm a Q.P.R. man. I don't want to leave. At the same time I realise if what I do doesn't come off I can get the sack. If that happens because it is best for Q.P.R. I won't complain.

"But right now I'm working hard to get us out of trouble. And as far as I am concerned I am working for the only club that matters to me."

How's that for loyalty?

'I'LL ACCEPT THE SACK IF IT'S BEST FOR Q.P.R.'

than cheering support at Shepherds Bush these days? "They must have short memories," says Frank. "When I came here 15 years ago as a young player Q.P.R. were bottom of the Third Division and getting pathetic gates of around 3,000.

"The attitude of the crowd upsets me and doesn't help the players. Our best performances have been away from home. Look how we played at Liverpool, Ipswich and Aston Villa. The way the crowd get at the boys at home they could become frightened to play on their own ground.

"OK, so things haven't gone at all well for us and the crowd have the right to criticise. They can put it down to me selling players, the state of our pitch or the team not doing its stuff if they believe that. But players don't play badly deliberately and if our own fans can't back us relegation could become reality.

"Look at West Ham. They've been in trouble for three or four seasons, but what about their supporters? They've been marvellous and there must be a moral in the fact West Ham haven't gone down."

Frank Sibley is more loyal to his so-called fans than they are to his team, but even he must realise Rangers Stadium is not regarded by people in the game as a house for genuine, intelligent supporters.

Of course, Gordon Jago and his chief coach Bobby Campbell got Rangers talked about as the British team that turned on Continental-style soccer. Of course, Dave Sexton carried on the good work and took them to second spot behind Liverpool in a race for the League Championship.

On top of the retirement of Frank McLintock, eyebrows were raised when Dave Thomas moved to

says their dedicated young boss

Frank Sibley

settled or fees asked were too high.

"If we value a player at £150,000 and clubs ask for £300,000 we can go bankrupt if we play their game. We didn't rate Gerry Francis at £500,000 for a joke. He was worth every penny of that to us when he was fully fit.

"Then people knock us because Dave Thomas is doing so well for Everton. This was not a bad sale. Dave never played in a Q.P.R. team with a typical centre-forward. Now he's playing with one and Bob



Ernie Howe (above) was signed from Fulham.



'Scotland's World Cup stars in action for my BIG MATCH'

APRIL 16th is a date that has been stamped on my mind for a long time now. Okay what is so special about this Sunday? It's my testimonial match, of course, and it is a sell-out, I'm delighted to say.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every manager, club and player who have all shown remarkable kindness in helping stage this match.

It is being billed as a Scottish Select v. Rangers, but I thought there might be problems getting Anglos released from their clubs in the South. Well, how wrong can you be?

Take Manchester United, for instance. They immediately offered the services of their fabulous four — Martin Buchan, Gordon McQueen, Lou Macari and Joe Jordan. Think of what they cost United yet they are willing to allow them to travel to Scotland to play in the match against Rangers for my benefit. Honestly, I am overwhelmed!

Liverpool, too, have shown they won't stand in the way of either Kenny Dalglish, one of the most difficult players I have ever faced, or Graeme Souness making the trip to Glasgow.

Manchester City have given the



JOHN GREIG

Okay to Ass Hartford and Willie Donachie; Derby have done likewise with midfield pair Bruce Rioch, the Scottish skipper, and Don Masson. Coventry, too, have been kind enough to tell goalkeeper Jim Blyth he will be released.

The game, of course, has taken on added importance because it will give Ally MacLeod another chance to see some of his World Cup squad in action.

Remember, Tom Forsyth, Sandy Jardine and Derek Johnstone will be in our line-up, so there will be an abundance of Ally's Tartan Army on display at Ibrox.

At the time of writing I don't know whether any of the Nottingham Forest lads will be available to play. Archie Gemmill, Kenny Burns and John Robertson are the men in Mr. MacLeod's World Cup 40 and it would be nice to see them getting a game, especially outside-left Robertson.

Until this season I didn't even know what sort of player Robertson was. However, television coverage has certainly put that right!

I think Mr. MacLeod would have played him in the recent friendly against Bulgaria at Hampden, but he had to withdraw. That would have been his debut for his country and would have been an ideal opportunity to see how he would perform in the dark blue.

Ibrox would be another place for him to show his skills and I believe he would dearly love to turn it on there. I



know John is a Rangers fan!

Kenny Burns, too, is a Rangers man. Remember, he was at Ibrox as a youngster, but, for some reason or another, he wasn't signed and was allowed to go South to Birmingham. I think he was a tremendous buy at only £150,000 for Brian Clough at the start of the season.

I hope the game is a real cracker. I'm certain there will be a real feast of wonderful soccer for the fans. We will be entertaining and both 'keepers could be in for a busy afternoon.

Anyway, like I said before, I would like to thank everyone for their help. I have really appreciated it. I just hope there will be a way I will be able to repay them somehow.

I must thank everyone at Rangers, of course. I am the first player ever to get a testimonial and when I look at some of the players who have displayed their skills in the light blue jersey over the years I am really knocked out by the gesture.

A quick word now about our League Cup Final success over Celtic. I know it was hardly a classic, but conditions were difficult and the tension in these games can be unbearable.

We won 2-1 with a goal two minutes from the end of extra-time by Gordon Smith and I think we just merited our victory. I believe we made more clear-cut chances than Celtic.

I'll close now by saying I was really sorry to hear SHOOT team-mate Danny McGrain will not be making the trip to Argentina for the World Cup Finals. I think every true supporter will join with me in wishing Danny a speedy return. He is a great competitor and a really nice guy. Hurry back, Danny.

John Greig

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**



Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish should be on view in John Greig's testimonial.

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FRANK McGARVEY... WHICH ENGLISH CLUB WILL SIGN HIM?

once a Rangers' reject, now
a St. Mirren success.

KENNY DALGLISH, Joe Jordan, Gordon McQueen, Andy Gray, Lou Macari and many, many more are Scots currently starring in the English First Division. They bring a breath of fresh air with their individuality to the soccer scene and English fans can get ready to welcome another Scottish jewel to their already lavishly-decorated crown.

The name is Frank McGarvey, currently terrorising defences in the Premier Division as he turns on the style for St. Mirren. Love Street manager Alex Ferguson has already said the club will sell at the end of the season in their efforts to modernise their ground.

McGarvey is likely to be the first to go. Nothing seems more certain than McGarvey will kick-off next term in the shirt of an English First Division club. But which one?

He has a host of admirers and Arsenal made a bid of £200,000 for him, but Ferguson immediately turned it down. Aston Villa, always on the look-out for a bargain in Scottish soccer, have already made THREE attempts to sign the Under-21 attacker and, again, they have been told there will be nothing doing until the end of the season.

Ferguson will be wanting something in the region of £275,000 for his fleet-footed raider and he is likely to get this fee. McGarvey was a relative unknown only a year ago, but his fortunes have rocketed as he helped St. Mirren out of the First Division into the Premier spotlight.

"I try not to let all this transfer talk unsettle me," says McGarvey.

"I'm quite content with St. Mirren and I just want to score as many goals as possible.

"I wish people would just leave me alone to get on with my job. Of course, it's nice to get praise, but I am just one player in a team. All the others deserve praise, too. We must not forget the efforts of EVERYONE at Love Street."

McGarvey has the skill and

firepower to be an immediate hit in the English soccer set-up. He buzzes like Coventry's Ian Wallace, another bargain buy Scot from Dumbarton. And he can score goals like Wallace, too.

Amazingly, McGarvey was once turned down by Rangers! He says: "They thought I was too small. They didn't think I would grow."

And that was when Ferguson came on the scene. He offered McGarvey a trial, saw something he liked and offered the boy signing forms.

He has now grown to 5ft 9in and although he is no giant, his timing in the air allows him to outjump even the tallest of defenders.

Ferguson had him playing at outside-left last season, but his pace and goal-snatching ability has been better appreciated down the middle. One man who will testify to that must be giant Czech centre-back Anton Ondrus, who has tamed attackers throughout the world.

Ondrus faced the super Saint in the Under-21 European Championship match at Tynecastle this season and he had no answer to the buzzing McGarvey. Scotland won 2-1 and Ondrus came off the park with his shirt soaked in sweat.

McGarvey will go South to delight English fans. Their gain will be Scotland's loss, but defenders in England have been warned. With McGarvey around there can be no relaxing.



St. Mirren manager Alex Ferguson (above, right) was responsible for signing Frank McGarvey (below, right).



At the start of this season these players were relatively unknown, but now they're ...

SHOOTING

'Always knew I'd succeed'

CLIVE WALKER (Chelsea)

AT the start of the season, I must admit I didn't really think I could achieve as much as I have done so quickly. But I always had belief in my own ability and knew that I would succeed if I got the opportunity.

You hope to do well when you get your chance but I never thought it would all come good so quickly. Maybe one of the reasons I did well early on was I met a few full-backs in the First Division whom I had played against in the reserves. Players like Kevin Bond of Norwich: players I knew I could do well against. And I guess my confidence grew from there.

I scored twice when we played at Wolves back in early December and we seem to have been on the goal trail ever since. Scoring goals for the first team also boosted my

confidence as a general player. But I don't think people should be surprised I have scored a few because I have always regarded myself as a winger that could score goals.

Now, I have to work on and try to improve the weaker parts of my game. My heading isn't too good. And there are other things, too. I probably lack concentration at times and do some silly things. But I'm working on all those faults, hoping to cure them.

I'm looking for 15 goals by the end of the season and I had scored nine by the beginning of April. But at the start of this term, I felt if I played in a dozen first team games that was a bonus for me. I'm surprised things have worked out so well, so fast. But I have to build on what I have achieved and that means more hard work.



'A whirlwind of change'

PAUL RANDALL (Bristol Rovers)

IT seems a million miles away now but when the season started, I was an assistant manager of a Supermarket in the West Country. I'd been rejected by clubs like Manchester City, Bristol City and Cardiff earlier in my career. And I was anticipating another season with Frome Town, in the Western League.

Then, I played in a friendly for them against Bristol Rovers one night: I think it was a Wednesday. Don Megson, the then Rovers manager, saw me and I had signed for Eastville Stadium club by the Friday lunchtime. I started in the first team eight days later and scored on my debut against Cardiff City. It was like a whirlwind of a change.

I was 20 recently and I consider my game has come on 100 per cent since the start of the season. My whole game has improved. I always thought in my own mind I

was good enough to get a contract as a professional player but I thought maybe the chance had gone. But that was what I always wanted to do. I knew I had it in me if I got a chance.

I now reckon to put away just over half the chances I get and that's a fair percentage. I would like to get 20 goals by the end of the season — that would be nice.

Football in Division Two is the same game as outside the League, except it's quicker. You have to use the room you get very quickly or else it's gone. I think I've settled in well with the team and I'm happy with what I've achieved so far.

But it probably wouldn't have been possible without the help I've had from people like Bobby Campbell, Bobby Gould and Dave Staniforth. They have taught me so much and taught me, too, I've still much to learn.



STARS

'I'd liked to have stayed at Palace'

DAVID KEMP (Carlisle)

I DID score 18 goals last season so I feel I gave notice of what I could do. This year, however, I'd scored 23 by the beginning of April and I'm hoping it will be 30 before the season finishes.

I must admit I only really established myself once I'd moved to Portsmouth. I would have liked to have succeeded at Crystal Palace — it would have been nice to stay there. But it was just one of those things. I never felt established at Palace — even if I was in the side, I felt it was only a matter of time before I was dropped again.

I would say now I am much stronger physically and better able to withstand the challenges you get as a striker. I was light before but I've put on weight and that has helped. I rely on being sharp in the box for my goals but I think the real difference in me this season, is I have started playing outside the box, too, instead of just scoring goals.

Now, I like to score goals AND play well. I take a pride in my performances. I enjoyed my stay with Portsmouth even though they struggled as a side this season.



Personally, I feel I have improved all the time this season. I reckon I'm doing things better. The Third Division is a tough League for goalscorers but then I suppose they're all tough.

I'm hoping I can get a few more goals and help Carlisle achieve a respectable position in the table. As regards the future, naturally I'd like the chance of First Division football but I'm not too keen on the hassles involved in another move just yet.



'More of a team-man now'

ALAN MAYES (Watford)

LIKE to think I've got my mental attitude right to the game and my position now. Maybe it wasn't always correct in the past. But I was dropped for ten matches earlier this season and I had a long time to sit and have a good think about things. Now, since I've got back into the side, I think I have been playing much better.

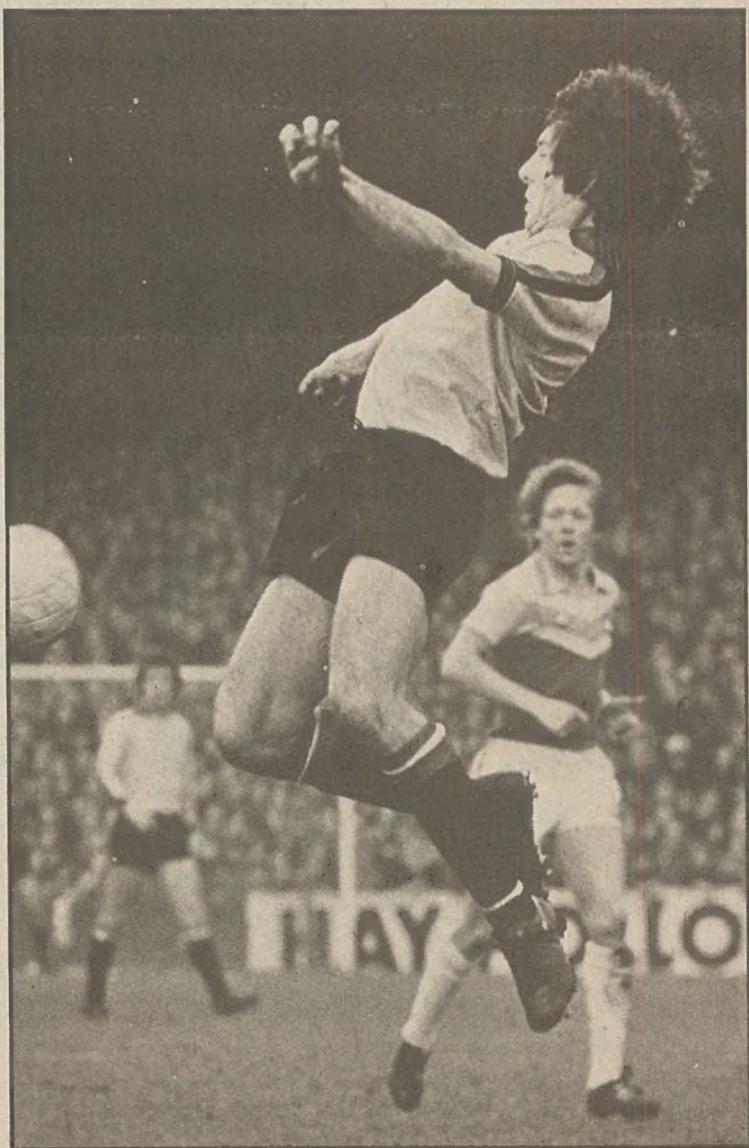
I knew I would have to do well every week if I wanted to get back in the side — and stay in. So I worked hard on my game — several aspects of it needed improving and I buckled down. Since then, things have improved greatly for me in the last couple of months.

My running off the ball and working for the team needed sharpening up. Perhaps I tended to be too much of an individual player

at times: not caring about the team. Now, I create space for others.

I had an unhappy time earlier in the season. The boss wanted me to play wide out on the right and I wasn't happy there. My form suffered and I was dropped. I had to prove to the boss I was a much better player in the middle but I had to work on several parts of my game to prove that.

I now feel this is my best season. I got 17 goals last year but had already scored 16 by the beginning of April. I've realised this season you cannot rest on your laurels in this game. I tended to do that before but since Graham Taylor came to Watford, he's never let anyone off the hook. We're probably all better players for that, too.



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. Which Second Division club was forced to close down their ground recently for two weeks due to bad crowd behaviour?

2. Ron Healey usually plays in goal, midfield or up-front for Cardiff City?

3. This Republic of Ireland international defender began his Football League career with Chelsea where he played 58 League games and scored two goals. In September, 1972, he left Stamford Bridge and moved across London to Crystal Palace for around £75,000. Three years later, he was surprisingly given a free transfer by the Selhurst Park club and went to The Hawthorns. Can you identify him?

4. When Liverpool played Borussia Monchengladbach in the European Cup Semi-Finals first-leg recently in West Germany, they lost 2-1. (a) Who scored Liverpool's equalising goal and (b) did the winner from Rainer Bonhof come from a free-kick or a penalty?

5. Can you name the two clubs who met in the other Semi-Final?

6. Do you know the Christian names of the following players? (a) Dugdale (Charlton Athletic), (b) Mann (Bristol City), (c) Nicholl (below, Southampton) and (d) Cowans (Aston Villa).



7. Which two clubs would be in opposition if the 1971-72 Scottish Cup winners met the 1975-76 Third Division Champions in a pre-season friendly?

8. Notts County paid a club record fee of around £80,000 to secure the services of Ian McCulloch from which Scottish First Division club?

9. Can you name the young Norwich City striker who was included in England's Under-21 team for the recent European Championship Quarter-Final second-leg clash against Italy Under-21?

10. True or false? Peter Bonetti (below) appeared in Chelsea's League Cup-winning team of 1964-65 when they beat Leicester City 3-2 on aggregate?



GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Paul Mariner. (7) On. (8) Clydebank. (10) The. (12) Let. (13) Mind. (16) Aston Villa. (21) Oar. (22) One. (24) Road. (26) News. (28) Lobs. (30) Item. (32) Am. (34) We. (35) At. (36) Dean. (37) Ashton.

Jumbled Name: IAN WALLACE

The very important Easter programme was played over the last weekend in March. Can you answer the following questions about the holiday period?

11. On the Monday, March 27th, two Second Division players received marching orders. Can you name them?

12. Everton had a highly successful period where they picked up maximum six points from three games. (a) Name their opponents and (b) which striker scored in their three matches — Bob Latchford, Duncan McKenzie (below) or Dave Thomas?

13. On the Saturday, Mansfield Town and Tottenham clashed in a Second Division game at Field Mill. (a) Who scored a hat-trick for The Stags and (b) who scored from the penalty spot for Spurs during the 3-3 draw?

14. Queens Park Rangers' Stan Bowles reached a personal milestone when he played his 100th, 200th or 300th League game for the Loftus Road club against Ipswich Town?

15. Leicester City gained a surprise 1-0 win against Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park on Easter Monday. The game was significant for two reasons ... do you know them?

ANSWERS:

1. Hughes scored his first goal for the club. 2. It was City's first away win of the season and Billy 3. (a) Dave Syrett, (b) Bob Latchford, 13. 4. (a) Newcastle United, (b) Manchester United, (c) Leeds United, (d) Blackburn 12. (a) Newcastle United, (b) Peter Bonetti of Crystal Palace, 11. (c) Kevin Keegan 10. 5. (a) Jimmy Greaves, (b) Alan Gilstrap, (c) Jimmy Greaves, (d) Alan Gilstrap and Bruce Groves. 6. (a) 7. (b) David Johnson, (c) Peter McRae, (d) Paddy Mulligan. 8. (a) 9. (b) Kevin Keegan. 10. (c) 11. (d) 12. (e) 13. (f) 14. (g) 15. (h) 16. (i) 17. (j) 18. (k) 19. (l) 20. (m) 21. (n) 22. (o) 23. (p) 24. (q) 25. (r) 26. (s) 27. (t) 28. (u) 29. (v) 30. (w) 31. (x) 32. (y) 33. (z) 34. (aa) 35. (bb) 36. (cc) 37. (dd) 38. (ee) 39. (ff) 40. (gg) 41. (hh) 42. (ii) 43. (jj) 44. (kk) 45. (ll) 46. (mm) 47. (nn) 48. (oo) 49. (pp) 50. (qq) 51. (rr) 52. (ss) 53. (tt) 54. (uu) 55. (vv) 56. (ww) 57. (xx) 58. (yy) 59. (zz) 60. (aa) 61. (bb) 62. (cc) 63. (dd) 64. (ee) 65. (ff) 66. (gg) 67. 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LEEDS manager Jimmy Armfield believes there is only one choice to replace injured Ray Wilkins in the England side against Brazil on April 19 — his own midfield star Tony Currie.

And Armfield — a former England star himself — is so convinced Currie should be in he says he will give up watching his country until the call up comes.

Argues Armfield: "I would back Tony's skills against the Brazilians anytime. He should definitely be in the side to play them at Wembley.

"We tend to overestimate the skills of the South Americans and denigrate those of our own players. Given his chance, I'm sure Tony would prove we can take on Brazil at their own game, and beat them."

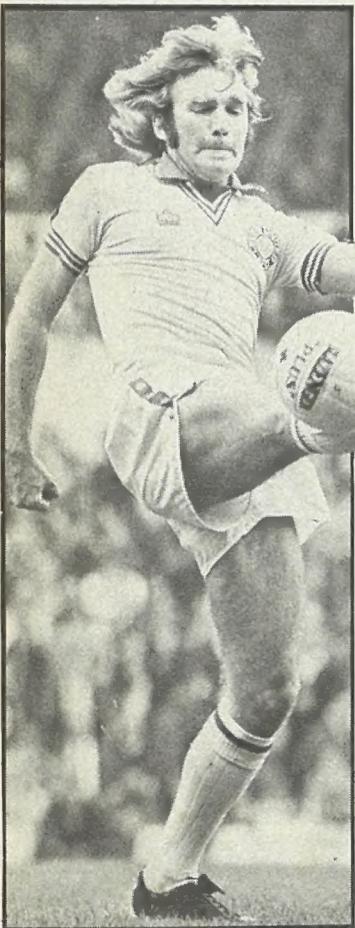
England manager Ron Greenwood has already acknowledged Currie's skills by calling him up for the England B international against West Germany last month.

Now, with Wilkins possibly out for the rest of the season, there seems every chance the Leeds star will get the opportunity he's itching for to resume his England career.

He's played for his country seven times, the last occasion against Switzerland in 1976. But despite all his immense talent, he has never been able to impose his skill on the international scene.

But he's been in outstanding form for Leeds this season, which has helped them to keep in the race for Europe, even though losing players of the calibre of Gordon McQueen and Joe Jordan.

Armfield bought Currie from Sheffield United in June, 1976, for £240,000 and has never regretted a penny of it. People told him he was buying trouble, an inconsistent player



The midfield star who wants to play for England again—and the one who turned England down

TONY CURRIE LEEDS UTD.

who only turned it on when he felt like it.

But his boss says: "He is playing consistently well this season and he has got everything England needs — skill, stamina and pace. He's the best midfield player in the country on current form.

"Early in his career there were question marks about his work rate and several clubs who had shown an interest in him at Sheffield decided not to move in when he became available.

"I didn't have any doubts. He was plagued by hamstring trouble when he first came to Elland Road and naturally that affected his form. But even then I thought he was playing well enough to get an England place.

"So you can imagine what I think of him now. And he is only just reaching his full potential."

Armfield bought Currie as a replacement for Johnny Giles, and that is a big enough compliment in itself.

The nice thing about Currie this season is he's proved he is able to work as hard as the rest of the team, without losing his sense of showmanship and fun.

At Chelsea earlier this season he flicked the ball past a defender on the by-line, turned to blow a kiss at the fans then ran on to collect the ball the other side. He's also been known to share a quick joke with supporters while taking a corner-kick.

Rather than just proving an able replacement for Wilkins, Currie at his best could provide healthy competition for the midfield places under Greenwood.

There will always be room for someone of his skill in the England side, and as well as picking him for the B team, the England manager has also taken Currie aside to offer him a bit of advice.

The Leeds star now knows he has a marvellous opportunity of picking up the threads of his international career.

He's desperate to take that chance. He says: "Playing for England means everything to me. I'm fed up with just watching them on television — I want to get involved with the team again."

With Armfield pulling for him, too, there's every chance Currie will face the Brazilians in the sell-out game at Wembley. And if he does well there, he could be set for a long run in the England team.

CHARLIE GEORGE DERBY COUNTY

CHARLIE George has no regrets about his decision not to play in the England B side against West Germany in February.

And from the brilliant form the Derby mid-field striker has been showing since then, it could be as much England's loss as his.

George wouldn't play for the B squad because he thought it an insult to his talents, and to prove it, has been playing like an international star ever since.

He says: "I've made my decision and I won't go back on it. I've no regrets. I think I'm playing well enough to be in the full England side and if they pick me, that will be fine.

"But I'm not going to lose any sleep over it. I don't even think about England. I'm too busy concentrating on my form in League matches."

That form has been tremendous all season, which George hopes will serve as an answer to those who still regard him as inconsistent.

"People said I was inconsistent early in my career when I was at Arsenal but it's never been a problem since. I've been keeping up a good standard most of the time I've been at Derby."

George, who is as direct from the mouth as he is front of goal, also ridicules suggestions he wanted to return to London at the start of this season before the arrival of Tommy Docherty at the Baseball Ground.

"That's a load of rubbish. I never said I wanted to go to London. If I didn't like Derby I wouldn't have come here in the first place would I?

New contract'

"I was unsettled at the start of the season and a couple of clubs came in for me. Then The Doc arrived and saw how well I was playing and offered me a new contract. I wasn't really bothered either way — if anything I'd been hoping, deep down, I'd stay. So I signed for another three years."

Docherty changed the player's mind about wanting to leave the Baseball Ground but he hasn't tried to alter his play.

"He just lets me go out and do my own thing, which is nice. And he's an enthusiastic sort of fella, which rubs off on you. The way I've been playing this season, I don't think there's any part of my game I can improve on.

"I've been doing well in near enough everything, except for actually scoring goals. It's difficult to get them the way we play with two wingers and only me down the middle.



But I'm not too worried about scoring.

"For a start, I've been making a lot, which is as useful to the team. And I should still finish up with around 15, which is good going, especially as I've missed a fair number of games."

The only thing that has disappointed George this season is Derby's failure to push for honours. They were the fancy of many people for the F.A. Cup but lost at home to Midlands rivals West Brom in the Fifth Round.

Mid-table

At this stage of the season, it's not easy to play well in a team in Derby's mid-table position. But George has maintained his high level of performance.

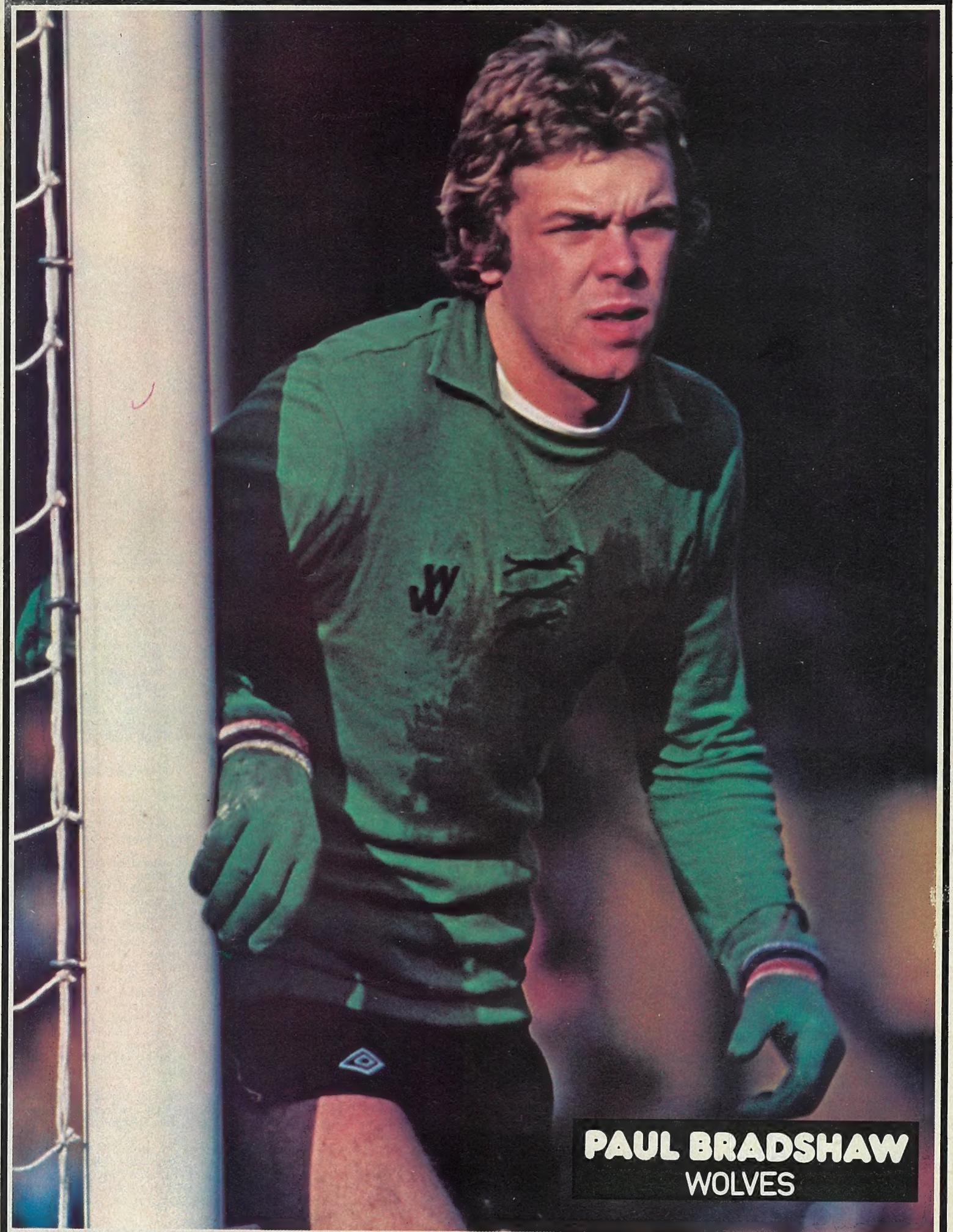
"It's self-motivation — pride in your own performance. I want to do my best in every game I play and I'm enjoying my football, which is the important thing."

George has seen a lot of changes in his three years at Derby. "It was a great first season because the team was doing so well but the second year things went flat when we found ourselves fighting against relegation.

"I'm disappointed this season hasn't been successful as well. But I still think we have an outside chance of Europe and even if we don't make it, we're beginning to build a side that could challenge for honours next term."

"I think we still need a few players but Tommy Docherty knows that, too, and I'm sure he'll be putting that right soon."

George, of course, is one player The Doc doesn't have to worry about. And on his current form, it can only be hoped he and England manage a reconciliation. For the good of football.



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